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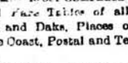

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SKIN SALES.

—Lamb skins sale closed to-day. There was a good demand Prices slightly easier. Total sold 221,000.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed excited East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total Sales 15,000. Spot 5-94 — 13. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 8 7-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 1,500. Imports 16,000. Futures closed excited.

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May
5-74	5-78	5-81
—14	—13	—13
May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
5-81	5-83	5-83
—13	—13	—12
Aug.-Sep.	Sep.-Oct	Oct-Nov.
5 81	5 62	5-51
—12	—11	

Receipts at U S Ports 14,000
Do last year 13,000
Exports to Great Britain 4,000
Do do Continent 15,000

IN NEW YORK—
Spot 11-35
Futures, month of March ... 11-33—1
Do. July ... 11-11—1

a Declined early owing to bear pressure and bulls unloading and tended to advance later through buying encouraged by firmness New Orleans.

IN NEW ORLEANS—
Spot, Middling ... 11 1-4+1-16
Futures, month of March ... 10 03+10
Do, do. May ... 11-22+9
Tone at close ... steady

Liverpool quotations for East Indian cotton are all reduced 1-16d.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay for the 24 hours, ending at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 1st Feb. 1906 :—

Cotton ...	14,085 bales.
Wheat ...	4,890 cwts.
Linseed ...	1,894 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard ...	2,066 do
Gingellyseed ...	6,627 do
Poppyseed ...	28 do
Groundnut ...	2,431 do
Castorseed ...	1,582 do
Rice ...	23,436 do
Myrabolams ...	3,954 do
Cotton seed ...	13,798 do
Mowrassed ...	97 do
Gram ...	222 do
Jowar ...	20 do
Maize ...	nil

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There has been a little rain during the past week in various places and crop reports show a slight improvement. Famine conditions are prevailing in certain districts and the outlook for the coming hot season is very gloomy on account of the deficient winter rainfall throughout the North. On the irrigated lands, however, the crops have not been damaged by frost as they were last year, and it is to be hoped that the final outturn of these crops may be some compensation for the absence of rain in other districts.

Money has again firmed up and a rise of 1 per cent. in the Official rates of the Bank of Bombay and Bengal, has been established. Rupee paper is easier.

COTTON.

Advices from America have been decidedly easier since our last mail report and prices have given way. It is stated that the weakness comes chiefly from New Orleans, and that holders in the South are more anxious to realise. Whether this is due to enlarged prospects for the coming crop, or inability to hold owing to monetary stringency is not advised, but the news received by last mail pointed out the possibility of both contingencies. Advices from Liverpool were fairly steady until the last day of January. To-day a substantial fall is advised. The daily sales continue on a large scale.

The following are the daily closing spot quotations in Liverpool and New York since our last report.

	Liverpool.	New York.
Jan.	26th...6 17	11 70
,,	27th...6 12	11 70
,,	29th...6 11	11 50
,,	30th...6 08	11 50
,,	31st...5 07	11 35
Feb.	1st...5 94	11 35

Spot in New Orleans has declined from 11 1/2 to 11 1/4 since last mail.

The following are the daily closing quotations for futures, Liverpool, March-April; and New York, March :

	Liverpool.	New York.
Jan.	26th...6 05	11 21
,,	27th...6 02	11 19
,,	29th...5 91	11 09
,,	30 h...5 91	11 09
,,	31st...5 91	10 87
Feb.	1st...5 78	10 86

In our local market the tone has been fairly steady in face of the weaker advices from America, and a continuance of heavy receipts. Occasional purchases by local mills both of ready and forward contracts, at full rates, tend to stiffen holders of cotton both in Bombay and up-country.

There is no doubt that the high prices recently current have caused a big flow of the staple to Bombay and that stocks and arrivals in the up-country markets are declining and it remains to be seen how the tail end of the crops will work out. Meanwhile the supplies available are ample for current demand, and buyers show no anxiety to enter the market. With the close of the month, shippers to Europe have caused local purchases and orders now coming to hand are much below rupee parity. On the other hand, the mills make occasional purchases especially of extra stapled descriptions, at very full rates, and some contracts for far forward delivery are reported to have been made. The up-country markets continue steady and there is a good enquiry in most districts for all arrivals, chiefly from adjacent Mills, which seem well able to afford to pay the equivalent of current rates in Bombay. The market closes with an easier tendency and holders are more anxious to realize, but the only business reported is the covering of previous speculative sales which has no effect on the actual supplies available.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT BOMBAY.

	Total for Week.	Total since 1st Oct. 1905.	Total last Season. 1904.
Khandeish ...	3763	282129	74125
Central India ...	6069	31553	26745
Barsee and Nugger ...	52 7	55065	37474
Berars ...	2739	298971	206514
Central Provinces ...	1096	178301	170138
Total Comras ...	81351	829125	516029
Dholleras	8733	3113	5962
Broach	14476	40014	13707
Comptas and Dharwar ...	1023	1121	938
Westerns	120	1755	843
Bengal & N W Provinces.	831	21462	23793
Bengal Rajputana ...	131	10101	13707
Sind	1556	18030	41662
Persian	99	993	1449
American	Nil	7594	6375
Egyptian	Nil	386	500
Other sorts	10	1024	6910
Total	117092	1198344	819235

COTTON STATISTICS. Bales.

Receipts for the week ... 117,092
Receipts from 1st Oct to 1st February ... 1,193,344
Shipments for the week to Europe ... 39 023
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports ... 41,230
Total ... 80,253
Total Shipments from 1st Oct. to 1st Feb.
Europe ... 310,012
Japan ... 175,651
China ... 4,558
Coast Ports ... 9,395
Total ... 500,216
Afloat in harbour for Europe ... 25,785
China, Japan, and Coast Ports ... 4,450

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone ... strong.
Estimated sales ... 15,000 Bales
Imports ... 12,000 ,,

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April	April-May
5-86	5 90	5-93
+12	+12	+12
May-June.	June-July	July-Aug
5 98	5 88	6 00
—13	—13	—12
+12	+12	+12
Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
5 93	5 74	5 66
+12	+12	+12

COTTON.—The local market closes quiet but steady. The enquiry is slack, but the renewed firmness in Liverpool has caused a steadier tone at the close.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

	Fine.	F. G.	Good.	Dely.
Bengal, H. G. (Ry. terms)	196	188	...	Ready
Bengals (H.-G.) Ry. terms	191	183	...	Feb. 25.
Oomrawuttee descriptions (M.-G.)	220	214	...	Ready
Oomrawuttee (descriptions) M.-G.	219	213	...	Feb. 25.
Khandeish, (M.-G.)	...	215	209	... Ready
Do. (M.-G.) ...	...	215	209	... Feb. 25.
Khundwa (M.-G.)	...	...	216	... Ready
Do.	...	...	215	... Feb. 25.
Khangaum, fair staple (M.-G.)				
Karanja do. (M.-G.)	220	214	...	Ready
Akola do. (M.-G.)	219	213	...	Feb. 25.
Oomra, good staple (M.-G.	...	232	226	... Ready
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M.-G.	223	220	...	,,
Do. (M.-G.)	...	225	219	... Feb. 25.
Broach (M.-G.)	...	...	263	257 ... Ready
Do. (M.-G.)	...	...	264	... 253 Mar. 25.
Yeotmal (M.-G.)	...	...	228	222 ... Ready
Do. (M.-G.)	...	...	227	221 ... Feb. 25
Muttia (M.-G.)	...	...	216	210 ... Ready
Do. (S.-G.)	...	...	215	209 ... Feb 25
Western ...	...	...	...	232 May 25.
Bengal (M.-G.) ...	...	...	205	194 ... Ready
Do. ...	...	...	204	194 ... Feb 25.
Sind-Punjab ...	...	...	205	193 ... Ready
Do ...	...	...	204	205 193 Feb. 25.
Julgaum (M.-G.)	...	...	...	211 ... Ready
Do. ...	...	...	...	211 ... Feb. 25,
Nagpur and Kamptee	...	...	231	225 ... Ready
Do. ...	...	...	230	224 ... Feb. 25.
Barsee ...	...	...	...	259 ... Ready

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED.—The market has ruled quiet during the past week and prices have again declined owing to dull advices from Europe. We quote Rs. 8-2 and Rs. 8-5 May.

RAPESEED.—There is very little doing, but prices are easier as exporters are out of the market. February is the critical month for this crop and if the frost holds off there will be a better outturn that last year, when the crop was greatly damaged. We quote.

Brown Cawnpore April-May ... Rs. 7-5
Yellow no. do. ... ,, 7-14

TILSEED market has also eased off with othe oilseeds and there is little doing. We quote 85 per cent bold White Rs. 46-3, Khandeish Rs. 47-8 and Mimbera Rs. 48.

COTTONSEED.—The market is steady at Rs. 19 1/2 at which rate there is a good demand.

CASTORSEED.—The market is easier at Rs. 34-8 with very little doing.

MOWRASSED.—Quiet at Rs. 5-4. No buyers.

WHEAT.—After the large business done in Victorian Wheat, referred to last mail, the local market is quiet with nothing doing. White Karachi has declined to Rs. 5-4 for Feb.-March and Delhi new, April-May, is quoted Rs. 5-5. There is no business on export account.

WEEK'S arrivals of Wheat and Seeds into Bombay.

Wheat ...	58,271 cwts.
Linseed ...	18,311 ,,
Rape, Rai and Mustard ...	13 232 ,,
Gingellyseed ...	71,116 ,,
Poppyseed ...	2,031 ,,
Groundnuts ...	10,704 ,,
Castorseed ...	15 179 ,,
Rice ...	1 19 189 ,,
Myrabollams ...	32 440 ,,
Cottonseed ...	1,23 343 ,,
Mowrassed ...	1,13 ,,
Gram ...	3,548 ,,
Joowar ...	1,221 ,,
Maize ...	246 ,,

LINSEED—Tone easier.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	8	2	0
Forward Rail Terms	8	5	0

RAPESEED.—Tone quiet but steady.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready ...	7	2	0
Do. Forward Rail Terms ...	7	5	6
Yellow Cawnpore Ready ...	7	12	0
Do. Forward Rail Terms ...	7	14	0

POPPYSEED—Tone quiet.

Ready	8	12	0
Forward Rail Terms	8	14	0

CASTORSEED—Tone steady.

Ready	34	8	0
Forward	34	0	0

GINGELLYSEED—Tone steady.

Howree Khandeish	47	8	0
15 per cent. Mixed ...	47	0	0

WHEAT—Tone quieter.

New White Delhi	5	5	0

FREIGHT.

The market continues quite steady chiefly on account of the enquiry for tonnage from the rice ports and Calcutta. Locally we hear of little business going through. Seeds were booked at 15s. Dunkirk and Liverppol and at 15s. 3d. for Havre and Hamburg ready and near shipment. Cotton is booked at 15s. to 7s. 6d. according to port required, for Fe b-

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The following fixtures are reported :—

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,, 'Olga Menzies' ready at 14s. 9d. 1 p.p.
,, 'Lune' February at 14s. 6d. 1 p.p.

MONEY.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 28th Sept.	4	per cent.	
Bank of Bombay do. 1st Feb.	9	do.	
Bank of Bengal do. 1st '	9	do.	
Bank of Madras do. 10th Jan.	8	do.	

The following is the Weekly Statement of the Bank of Bombay for the last week as compared with the previous one :—

LIABILITIES.		
Public Deposits	Rs	7,27,915 Increase
Other Deposits ...	,,	15,61,297 Decrease
Sundries	,,	23,013 Increase
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	Rs	23,995 Increase
Other Authorized Securities ...	,,	34,302 Decrease
Credits on Securities ...	,,	21,80,460 Increase
Loans do ...	,,	6 19,920 Increase
Bills discounted & purchased ...	,,	3,23,311 Increase
Balance with other Banks ...	,,	2,77,931 Decrease
Sundries	,,	5 84 Increase
Cash	,,	35,59,690 Decrease

These figures show an increase of about 45 1/2 lakhs in the Trade Demand.

The Bank of Bengal weekly cash balance was 92 lakhs lower and that of the Bank of Madras was 12 lakhs higher. Money has again been in strong demand and the official rate has been raised to 9 per cent per annum in Bombay and Calcutta. The quotation for short fixed deposits has also advanced the closing rate being 7 per cent per annum for one and two months.

COUNCIL BILLS.

The total amount of Council Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening was Rs. 1,38,00,000, including an extra allotment of ten lakhs T. T. on Calcutta at 1s 4 1/8d. on the 29th ultimo. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday One crore was put up for tender, and of this amount 18·80 lakhs was taken in bills at 1s. 4 1/16d. and 81·20 lakhs in telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 3/32d tenderers at these rates receiving 15 per cent. For next week One crore is again advertised for allotment. Extras are advised to the extent of 6 lakhs T. T. at 1s. 4 1/8d. and 4 1/2 lakhs bills at 1s. 4 3/32d.

The mail of the 19th January brings £180,000 silver and £60,000 gold to Bombay, £30,000 silver and £10,000 gold for Calcutta also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta ...	Rs.	25,30,000
Bombay ...	,,	25,00,000
Madras ...	,,	4,90,000
Total...	Rs.	55,20,000

The mail of the 26th January brings £390,000 silver and £60,000 gold for Bombay, also the following Council Bills.

Calcutta ...	Rs	51,90,000
Bombay ...	,,	15,40,000
Madras ...	,,	11,50,000
Total...	Rs.	78,80,000

The mail of the 2nd February brings £365,000 silver and £70,000 gold for Bombay and £120,000 silver and £10,000 gold for Calcutta, also the following Council Bills :—

Calcutta ...	Rs.	7,60,000
Bombay ...	,,	5,00,000
Madras ...	,,	10,10,000
Total...	Rs.	23,30,000

EXCHANGE.

The market was quiet in the early part of the week, but has firmed up under the influence of firmness in the money market. Bank T. T. is freely offered at 1s. 4 3/32d. while 4 1/8d. is obtainable for demand. For two months sight D. A bills the rate has advanced to 1s 4 11/32d. in most banks, but at the close 1s. 4 5/16d. is still obtainable. The volume of business passing in both buying and selling is not large. Far Eastern exchange is steady :

EXCHANGE.—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.			1s 4 3-32d
Bank Demand			1s 4 3-32d. to 1-8
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.			1s 4 5-16d. to 11-32
Do. do. do.			1s 7-16d. to 15-32
French France 3 do.	do.	...	170 3 4
Marcks 3 do.	do.	...	139 1-2 to 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days Sight		...	147
Shanghai 30	do.	...	244
Japan 30	do.	...	149 3-4

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The settlement passed off on the 31st ult. and owing to tightness in the money market the margin between cash and forward delivery for February settlement was increased to eight annas, and the quotation for ready declined to Rs. 98-3. The market has since rallied with a fair business passing. We quote at the close.

3 1-2 per cent. cash ...		98-8
3 1-2 per cent. 25th February ...		98-13
3 per cent. cash ...		87

	Repayable.	Rates.	
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust ...	1952	103	4
4 per cent ,, ,, ...	1930	103	4
4 per cent ,, ,, ...	1932	103	4
4 per cent ,, ,, ...	1935	104	4
4 per cent Bombay Municipal ...	1934	103	12
5 per cent ,, ,, ...	1943	103	12
5 per cent ,, ,, ...	Tanna	120	0
5 per cent ,, ,, ...	Sanitary	118	0
4 per cent Bo. Imp. Trust ...	1959	103	12
4 per cent ,, ,, ...	1934-65	103	12

BULLION.

Silver has fluctuated very little during the week. The up-country offtake averages about 25 bars a day for English silver. We close steady at our quotations.

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold ...	34	0	6
Australian Bar Gold ...	34	0	3
Bombay do. ...	21	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns ...	15	1	3
Dragons ...	15	0	0
Silver ex-duty Ready ...	76	2	0
1st settlement ...	74	15	0
Do 2nd do ...	75	2	0

PIECE-GOODS.

Our Market has been quiet during the interval due to absence of up-country enquiry. Prices are steady and for the most part unchanged. Very little enquiry for forward business and the higher rates asked by Home Markets prevents anything of volume going through.

LOCAL YARNS.

The following are the latest telegrams from China :

	Unsold.	Uncleared.	Weekly Sales.
Shanghai ...	72,000	21,000	3,000
Hongkong ...	71,000	47,000	3,500
	143,000	73,000	6,500

216,000 bales,
a For the fortnight.

The local market continues very steady.

METALS.

COPPER.—Quiet, but steady.

YELLOW METAL.—Firm with a good demand, but still there is a great disparity between Home and Bombay equivalents.

IRON AND STEEL.—Market is quiet only a small business doing in sheets at low rates.

SPELTER AND QUICKSILVER.—Quiet but steady.

COAL.

Ready Coal has been scarce this week owing to non arrival of steamers, and some lots of common Bunder coal have been sold at Rs. 14.

SHARES.

The market is unchanged but steady. Bank of Bombay shares have improved to Rs. 1,382 1/2. In Railway Companies Ahmedabad-Prantej have improved to Rs. 520; Tapti Valley to Rs. 450. In Mill shares Bombay United are unchanged at Rs. 620, Colaba Land jumped up to Rs. 1,120, and closed at Rs. 1,100. Currimbhoys are steady at Rs. 1,430; Chinas at Rs. 1,075, Crescents, are steady at Rs. 162 1/2; Centrals are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 2,080; Connaughts are steady at Rs. 600. Coorla at Rs. 910; Davids at Rs. 517 1/2; Empress after touching Rs. 500 have changed hands at Rs. 495. Frawji Petit is are steady at Rs. 1,225. Hindustans have improved to Rs. 800. Howard and Bullough are steady at Rs. 700. Imperials are in demand at Rs. 295. James Greaves at Rs. 585, Jamsheds have improved to Rs. 230; Leopolds after touching Rs. 116 are again quiet at Rs. 114; Manekji Petits after touching Rs. 3,490 for March delivery, settlement closed at Rs. 3,460 for the same delivery. Morarjis are unchanged at Rs. 2,675; Sholapurs at Rs. 3,475. Southern Marathas are quiet at Rs. 217 1/2; Swadeshis are unchanged and steady at Rs. 1,68 1/2; Kohinoors have improved from Rs. 710 to Rs. 720. New City of Bombay Mill shares have advanced to Rs. 145, premium on Rs. 400 paid up. Laxmi Cotton are quiet at Rs. 1,300. Phoenix are unchanged at Rs. 110; Textiles at Rs. 1,490. In Press Companies, Mofussils are steady at Rs. 535; New Berars at Rs. 485. Indian Cotton at Rs. 137 1/2. In miscellaneous list, Alcocks are unchanged at Rs. 300. Badham Piles at Rs. 150, Pott Canning are steady at Rs. 417 1/2. Bombay Telephones have changed hands at Rs. 30, Treschers at Rs. 550, Kemps are quite at Rs. 222. Marcks at Rs. 155. The rest are unchanged.

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EUROPE.

BIRTHS.

BAKER—Jan 12, at Westfield House, Wakefield, wife of Major Baker, Risebrough Hill, Pickering, of a daughter.

BRIDGEWATER—Jan 10, at Raheny, North Paregate, Dublin, wife of C J B Bridgewater, Inniskilling Dragoons, of a daughter.

MOLONY—Jan 15, at the Grange, Camberley, wife of Major T G W Molony, Royal Field Art of a son.

MOWBRAY—Jan 9 at Lyanview, Hamilton, N B, Eve'yn, wife of Charles Holme Mowbray, 110th Mahratta Light Inf., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARTTELOT—KAY—Jan 10, at St George's Hanover Square, Lieut Nigel Kenneth Walter Barttelot, R. n, to Dorothy Maud, daughter of the late Frederick Aldcroft Kay.

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THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Pasig, 3839 tons Captain J L Leftwich sailed yesterday for Negapatam in ballast

THE B I S N Co's steamer Una, 3423 tons, Captain J W Livingstone will sail to-day for Akyab in ballast

THE steamer Bemo, 1899 tons, Captain W J de N Guy, sailed yesterday for Rangoon via Mormugao with a general cargo

The Wilson Line steamer Othello, 3327 tons, Captain H Bradley will sail to-day for Hull via Karachi with a general cargo

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lhasa, 931 tons, Captain H McDiarmed, sailed yesterday for Hull via Karachi with a general cargo

THE French mail steamer Ville-de-la-Ciotat, 3557 tons, Captain Salenne, will sail to-day for Noumea, Via Colombo, with a general cargo, mail and passengers

THE Florio Rubattino S N Co's steamer Isis 2 84 tons Captain A Cogliolo, arrived in harbour yesterday from Hongkong 13th January with general cargo and a number of deck passengers

THE B I S N Co's steamer Santhia, 3453 tons Captain R Phillips arrived in harbour yesterday from Mauritius 1 th January with a cargo of sugar and oil cakes and a number of deck passengers

THE City Line steamer City of Vienna, 2779 tons Captain D Morrison arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool 4th January with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Miss Pulsford, Mr Dalton, Colonel Brook, Dr W Smith and Mr Maitland

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ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
2	City of Vienna s....	Morrison	Liverpool, Jan 4
	Isola s	Cogliolo	Hongkong, Jan 13
	Santhia s	Phillips	Mauritius Jan 18
	China s	Wright	London, Jan 12

DEPARTURES

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination
2	Pasha s	Leftwich	Negapatam
	Amballa s	Haugh	Calcutta
	Pundit s	Crebo n....	Rob
	Lhasa s	McDiarmed	arachi
	Rome s	Guy	Rangoon, &c
	Vadala s	Skin of	Akyab

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday:—
Steamer Ville-de-la-Ciotat, Etienne, for Noumea, &c
" Una, Livingstone, for Akyab
" Othello, Bradley, for Hull via Karachi

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer City of Vienna, for Liverpool, &c
" Santhia for Calcutta, &c
" Bulimba, for Zanzibar &c
" Mazagon, for China, &c

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.

The B I S N Co's steamer Manora, arrived at Plymouth on the afternoon of the 1st instant
The B I S N Co's steamer Golconda, left Port Said on the afternoon of the 1st instant
The Ancher Line steamer Macedonia, arrived at Liverpool, from Bombay on the afternoon of the 1st instant
The Florio Rubattino S N Co's steamer R Rubattino, which left Bombay on the 16th January arrived at Naples on the 31st instant
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer China, from Japan, left Singapore for Bombay on the 31st inst
The German East Africa Line steamer Sultan, arrived at Zanzibar from Bombay this afternoon, via Mombassa

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FEBRIES NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING,
Bombay, February 3.

1) Detail—To-day Saturday the 3rd instant.—There will be Commanding Officer's Parade at Santa Cruz at 5 p m.
Dress—Drill Order, Uniform.
2. Conveyance—Special arrangements will be made for the conveyance of the Battalion to Santa Cruz to-day Saturday the 3rd instant on the tram leaving Colaba at 3 15 p m Fares will be paid for those Volunteers joining en route at Colaba, Church Gate Marine Lines, Charni Road, Grant Road and Sandhurst Stations. Volunteers travelling from any other Stations will pay their own fares which will be refunded.
24 Promotion—The Commanding Officer is pleased to make the following promotions in "L" Coy:—
No 1.0 Lce Corpl A Aquino and No 1429 Lce Sergt R Hurst to be Sergeants to complete establishment
No 3060 Corpl G Olivarius and No 3035 Lce Corpl A Ayalla to be Lce Sergts to complete establishment
No 331 Cadet H Templeton, No 3.0 Cadet J H Coates and No 5.66 Cadet F Hands to be Corporals to complete establishment
No 3141 Cadet P Rodrigues, No 3382 Cadet A G Sayhurst, No 3483 Cadet E Hachey and No 3371 Cadet L Westropp to be Lce Corporals to complete establishment
33 Appointment—Extract from Government Notification General Department No 655 dated Bombay Castle 31st January 1906, is published for information:—
Lieutenant and Quartermaster Hills—The Venerable Archdeacon William Arthur Dickens to be Honorary Chaplain vice the Venerable W E Scott, M A

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL COMMANDING B. V. A.
Bombay, February 3.
PRACTICE.

The Corps will parade at the B V A Club Apollo Bunder to-day Saturday the 3rd inst at 5 p m and proceed to Colaba North Fort to continue the practicefrom the 10th R M L

E E COY

The E E Coy will parade at 6-30 p m to-day, Saturday the 3rd inst at Apollo Bunder and proceed to Middle Ground for an all night Manning run.

(Sd) A SIFFE. Capt R A,
Adjt B V A

LAYING

Members wishing to join an instructional class in Laying are requested to send in their names to Head-Quarters at once

DIVINE SERVICE.

V SUNDAY, AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 4,

CHRIST CHURCH.—BYCULLA.

7 a m—Holy communion
8 a m—Matins
8-0 a.m.—Holy Communion.—Choral Smart in F
11 a.m.—219, 79 and 322
5-30 p m—Children's service.
7-0 p m—Evensong and Sermon
Canticles—26 and 27
Anthem—
Hymns—83, 236 and 27
Collection for—Cathedral Schools—

Daily Matins at 8 15 a.m. and Evensong at 5-30.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-45 a.m.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL
(Standard Time)

8 a.m.—Holy Communion
Hymns—3.0 and 324
9-30 —Matins
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by Rev P Eykin
Hymns—407, 4.0 and 19

ST. PETER'S MAZAGON.

8-30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7-30 a.m.—Matins
8 a.m.—Holy eucharist and (Choral).
Preacher Rev Father Langmore
10 30 a.m.—Catechising
6 30 p.m.—Evensong (Choral)
Preacher Rev Father Biscoe

BOMBAY BAPTIST CHURCH—Bellasis Road.
(Opposite Byculla Club).
6-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.—Sunday Services—Preacher Rev John O'Brien

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland)

11 a.m.—Morning service
6-0 p.m.—Evening Service
Psalms—65 and 141
Hymn—17
Hymn—161
Hymn 227
Paraphrase—35
Psalm—1-8

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

8 a.m.—Matins.
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, Litany and Sermon
Collections for Church Expenses and Poor

WESLEYAN CHURCH—COLABA CAUSEWAY.

8-30 a.m.—Parsee Service Preacher—Rev C Ryde Smith B A
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service—Preacher—Rev C Ryder Smith B A
5 p.m.—Sunday School.
9 to 10 p.m.—Social Hour.
Wesleyan Church, Byculla Garrison, Byculla.,
10 a.m.—Preacher—Rev A J Revnell
6-30 p.m. Preacher—Rev A J Revnell
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(Nasiby Road.)

8 0 a.m.—Sunday School
11-0 a.m United Service—(St Andrew's Church)
6-30 p.m.—Evening Service—Rev Alex S Crichton

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH
(Prince's Dock)

6 45 a.m.—Holy Communion
7 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Preacher Rev O W E Grant Claplin

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial)

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Sung)
10 a.m.—Matins and Address (Parade)
5-15 p.m.—Children's Service
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon

CHRIST CHURCH BYCULLA,

8 a.m.—Matins
8-30 a.m.—Holy communion—(Choral)
9 15 p.m.—Sunday School and Catechising
9 a.m.—Evensong and Sermon

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SOME LETTERS OF WARREN HASTINGS.

THE silver lining to a troubled period of Indian history may be found in "The Letters of Warren Hastings to his Wife," transcribed by Sydney C. Grier from the originals in the British Museum, and published in one volume by William Blackwood and Sons. In these letters the very soul of the man expressed itself. He poured forth to Mrs. Hastings the schemes he entertained for the reform of the administration, for the extension of British power in India, and for its foundation on mutual fidelity to pledges. He gave voice to his vexation in being thwarted at every turn, at not being trusted by the Directors, and his hopes that integrity in purpose and wisdom in design might prevail. In every letter there is, besides, the frank expression of the ardent love of a devoted husband who forgot he was a man in authority when writing to his wife. The letters cover, more or less, the years 1780 to 1785, during the last twelve months of which Mrs. Hastings was in England or on her way thither, Warren Hastings following her on the 2nd February 1785. Mr. Grier introduces each period of this time with a short historical sketch of the events that occurred and each letter with notes of the persons or places mentioned in it, thus making of the whole an interesting picture of the actions and movements of Warren Hastings. The work of the editor is admirably restrained; there is no harking back or puzzling transpositions of events that confuse so many books purporting to retrace the footsteps of the makers of history. Unfortunately there are no letters of Mrs. Hastings to be found here; the writer believes that she must have destroyed any that existed after the death of her famous husband.

The first series of letters were written from Calcutta to Mrs. Hastings at Chinsura, 18 miles above Barrackpore, when Hastings was impatiently awaiting the decision as to whether he or Francis was to prevail in the conduct of the war with the Marathas. That they could not act together was sufficiently patent when we remember Hastings' minute in which he pulverized Francis with the deliberate intention of bringing matters between them to a crisis. But there is little reference to business or worries in the early epistles, though the Governor-General dwells somewhat on his scant allowance of leisure: "I have just reckoned up the Number of People that have successively shared my Time this Morning, from Breakfast to One, and they amount to Seventeen.—This you know is my Day of Privacy." Soon he intimates that at last news has come from home and "I am to remain as long as I chuse, but with the same Associates" which meant, Francis, Wheeler and Sir Eyre Coote, as members of Council limiting vexatiously the power of the Governor-General. Francis on the other hand was furious at not getting his way and then followed his challenge to Hastings founded on the elaborately insulting minute and the famous duel between him and Hastings, in which time for reflection was given but not availed of by the powder of three charges in Francis's pistol being damp and the fetching of fresh. Francis was wounded but not very dangerously, and all "asting's anxiety seemed to centre in the hope that no disturbing report of the encounter had reached his wife at Chinsura. The difference of opinion between Francis and his superior continued unabated and when the former declared that not a soldier or a rupee should be sent to the Carnatic, for it was irrecoverably lost, Hastings retorted "While I have a soldier or a rupee, I will never abandon the Carnatic." The social arrangements among the Europeans in Bengal at that time were totally different from those now prevailing. We read of festivities in which "the Dinner and supper blended all the profusion and variety of a Lord Mayor's Feast, with the superb elegance of the Royal entertainments at St. James's." The ladies wore the most uncompromising clothing at these feasts, stiff brocades sustained with hoops, but retired early to change into the more simple and cooler "night-dress," or predecessor of the tea-gown dream of the present day. Mrs. Hastings dressed very magnificently and seems to have more than held her own among the ladies in Calcutta and Bengal. Her husband makes constant reference to her beauty and her perfections. His letters teem with assurances of his undying affection. They set out together for Benares, where Hastings intended to interview the recalcitrant, but apparently repentant Nawab-Vizier. On the way the Governor felt a doubt as to the wisdom of taking his wife further and she was left at Monghyr while he went on and came to grips with Chait Singh. One side of his mind was occupied in saving British India, the other in thought for his wife, as he said himself When peace was concluded with Scindia, the Council experienced considerable relief. "Had any accident happened to Mr. Hastings," frankly said Sir Eyre Coote to Wheeler, "what in the Name of God, could you or I have done with the Government?" In those days ladies rarely went home from India, they frequently died, it is true, but the long, costly and dangerous journey to England was not lightly undertaken. Most people who came to the East, men or women, knew it was for good. When Warren Hastings saw that his wife's health was declining, however, he decided that she should go home and made the most elaborate arrangements for her comfort on the voyage. His agonised expressions of regret at her absence fill his letters. "It appears to me like a precipitate Act of the gross at Folly" for what have I to look for, but an Age of Separation, and if ever we are to meet again, to carry home to you a Burden of Infirmities, and a Mind soured perhaps with long—long and unabated Vexation," was a mild form of the complaints that went to his "beloved Marian" from Calcutta. "You are not a moment from my Remembrance" he writes again "nor would I for the world that you should lose your place there, though you are a Torment to me." He sent duplicate copies of his letters by every chance he had, so that Mrs. Hastings might not fail to get some one or other of them and as they were long and discursive as well as fond, the extra labour entailed on this busy man must have been great for no one must see his letters or her replies which he kept double locked and sealed, opening the cases repeatedly to console himself by reading her words, but re-sealing and re-locking every time.

He undertook with the approval of the Board of Directors a journey to Lucknow, to consolidate the British control there, and he tells his wife how he prevailed on his Council to sign his credentials for this onerous task and set off: "I went on board my Pinnace very low, but happy to be relieved from the Tumults and Importunity of Calcutta for no One had Mercy on me, and my Gates, though shut, let people through like a Sieve." On this progress up the river he was joined by Lieutenant Samuel Turner, his cousin and A. D. C. who had been on an Embassy to the Land of Tibet. Turner, had been received at "Teeshoo Loomboo" and accommodated in a monastery just one hundred and twenty one years before Captains Ryder and Rawling went there on a scientific quest Turner saw the Tashi Lama, and brought back presents from him to the Governor-General "a Labadda, a furred Cap and a pair of Boots which would keep me warm in Siberia", and a Box of genuine Musk in powder sent by the Earl of Oxford to his wife. "O my sweet Marian," he exclaims at this time "what would I give to be able to convey to you all that has passed in my Mind during my long Journey! You occupied every Step of it, and filled my Heart with an Affection which others may have felt, but which never warmed the Breast of any Man living in a Degree exceeding the Warmth of mine. . . Often has my Throat swelled and the Tears have filled my Eyes while your Image floated in the Vision of my Fancy." It is a little hard that these outpourings of affection should now be seen by all men, when the writer would not have had them "fallinto otherHands for the World." But what a different being is revealed from the hard and haughty character so many judged Warren Hastings to be. One error he committed in the meeting with the Prince he had come to visit at Lucknow and he records it. The ladies, wives of two of the officers in his suite, were seen by the Prince and from their looks he judged unfavourably of English beauty and said so plainly to the Governor General, who "privately apologised for it. . . assuring him we had better." But it is satisfactory to know that the journey in other and more important ways was a success, though some of the baseless charges brought against Hastings after his return home were founded on his conduct of this mission. It was most beneficial to his health at the time: "The Exercise Change of Air and Ease from hourly Importunity may have worked the first impression," he writes "but the dry and elastic Atmosphere of Oud and Benaris certainly confirmed it." Calcutta did not suit him; he did not "enjoy a moment of bodily Ease, but had all the Devils of Languor, Dejection of Spirits (a Thing Unknown at Lucknow), nightly Oppression, feverish Heats and Headaches" in the Capital. Meanwhile Mrs. Hasting was nearing the shores of England having lived through four "Tempests" on the way. We hear of the duty to be paid on all the fine things she took home, and was allowed to have—some being prohibited from entering amounting to £1125 of which the sum of £250 was remitted. But "there are not such a Sett of Vermin in England as our Custom House Officers" wrote the man who was to see Mrs. Hastings through this difficult ordeal. She had taken as presents from Warren Hastings two Arab horses for the King and an Ivory bed and chairs for the Queen with all of which Their Majesties were delighted. The letters cease when Hastings neared England a year later, to seek but not find for long weary, troubled months the rest of which he was so badly in need. The great feature of all the letters is the deep and undying affection expressed in the elaborate language of the period and if we have dwelt on this aspect of them, it is not because there is a dearth of more general interest in these intimate epistles, but that the story of the time of Warren Hastings is better known than the proof these offer of the existence of a softer side to his character.

THE AFRICAN FREIGHT WAR.

AFTER sitting continuously for a month the Conference on South African Freights has come to no definite decision and it would appear that there is no probability of arriving at an understanding with the steamship owners. The result will probably be that the original propositions put forward by the Shipping Conferences held in South Africa, which provided for legislation to prohibit rebates and diff rentiation in rates of freights, must now be resorted to. This finding of the Freights Conference brings prominently forward the great question of rebates in shipping freights and its results to British manufacturers. The South African Conference hold strongly that the rebate system has created a monopoly for the steamship companies now in the South African Ring. Under the rebate system 10 per cent. of the freight is retained for fifteen months, and then only paid for six months of the period to those shippers who make a solemn declaration to the effect that they have not shipped by any steamers other than those within the Ring during the period referred to. The consequent result is that the ports of South Africa have been practically closed to all British steamers except those within the Ring, with the further result that the British manufacturer is deprived of the advantage of open competition in rates of freights, and that trade is driven to the United States, from which the freights are lower, thanks to the open market in freights due to legislation prohibiting rebates. The actual operation of the open market from New York as compared with the Ring market from Great Britain is evidenced by the fact that British steamers in the Ring service proceed from Great Britain to New York, and load there at rates of freight far below those charged from Great Britain. During the past three years New York rates, for some goods, have been actually one-half those ruling from Great Britain, with the natural result that trade was driven to New York. It is not hard to see how adversely this must affect South African trade, and the Colonies are determined to open their ports to all comers. To do this they have decided to prohibit rebates and the next sessions will most probably see legislation introduced in the various South African Parliaments to ensure it. In reply to a request from the Home Government, delegates have been sent to confer as to the nature of the legislation, and the Board of Trade has so far recognised the importance of the question that it is extremely likely that a Parliamentary Committee or a Royal Commission will be appointed to inquire into and deal with the whole question. In any event, the Colonial representatives are determined that the excessive rates of freight shall be subjected to the regulation of owner-competition and it is certain that very great advantages will accrue to British trade. A draft Bill, known as the Shipping Rebates Prohibition Act, has been drawn up and discussed, and a copy of the Bill submitted to His Majesty's Government for consideration. A small Committee of the Freights Conference was appointed to confer with the Board of Trade, and met the President and the officials of the various sections of that department. The legal advisers of the Board of Trade offered various criticisms to some of the provisions of the draft Bill, but no obstacle to obtaining the consent of the Home Government, after being passed by the Colonial Legislatures, was disclosed. On the other hand it is suggested that the Board of Trade will allow independent action by the South African Governments, as, were it to interfere in this instance, it would be bound to interfere to an equal amount in half a dozen other ship ing rings. The time must come when Government will have to protect the rights of shippers, as it now does those of the users of railways, but this is not a thing of to-day. South Africa has the power to break the ring and there is a clear determination to bring this about. Their efforts cannot fail to attract attention, for should they be successful, it may mean similar action with India, Australia and Ceylon which are as much in the hands of a ring as is South Africa.

CHILD LABOUR.

WILL the Liberal Government include in its promised list of social reforms a revision of the terms of employment of Child labour? Time after time the age limit has been raised, but according to the last published return of the board of Education there are seventy-eight thousand children of tender age working as "half-timers." The majority of them are in the mills of Lancashire and Yorkshire and their hours are from six in the morning till noon and even later. This is the district which busies itself with the nature of regulations in mills with which it is not connected except by competition. It is not a party question, but one which may well be brought forward for unanimous support, that this state of affairs should be abolished. At the end of six and a half hours in a hot mill these children are confronted with a course of lessons throughout the afternoon. There is little difficulty in finding a cause for the listlessness and mental dulness of these children who act as a drag on the other children of the school who have more time and more energy to perform their proper school duties. Of the virtues the half-timer is probably cognisant, but he has little time either to acquire or practise them, though by immature contact with adult life he readily contracts its vices and can smoke his cigarette or utter his oath "a la mode." On this account one seldom finds the tone of a class containing half-timers quite as high as that of a class without them. From whatever point of view one regards the matter, whether from that of health, both of the present and coming generations, or from the educational status of the class which is bound to decline, it calls for reform. An Education Act has laid down the years during which a child shall attend school. It is, therefore, only reasonable that concurrent legislation should strengthen it by absolutely prohibiting the employment of children, under any circumstances whatever that will in any way affect the hours during which they should be studying.

THE Rajah of Sandur left Madras for his capital on Monday.

MR. DAING, Traffic Manager of the East Indian Railway has gone to enquire into the recent Railway collisions near Delhi.

IT is unlikely that any more quick-firing guns for Horse and Field Batteries will be sent out from Home until next cold weather.

MORE quarters for workmen are being built in the neighbourhood of the rifle factory at Ishapur, so that the outturn of work may be greatly increased.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL NEWMARCH, Political Resident, Persian Gulf, will begin fifteen months' furlough in the spring, Major J. Ramsay succeeding him.

ORDERS have been issued sanctioning a loan of Rs. 24,25,000, to the District Board of Kistna for the construction of the Beswada Masulipatam Railway.

THE "Ceylon Observer" learns that the export duty proposal for rubber seed will not come up for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Ceylon Planters Association.

THE building operations connected with the extension of Nowshera Cantonments are now in full swing, and good progress is expected to be made during the next few months.

AMONG the passengers who arrived in Bombay, yesterday, by the P. and O Co's mail steamer China, were Sir E. and Lady Cumeron, Sir H. Fichburn, and Prince Gaekwar of Baroda.

THE "Telegraph's" Tokio correspondent reports that a mine explosion took place on January 4 at Innoi, in Akita province. Two workings were set on fire, and out of 2,000 employees, 101 were burnt to death.

THE project for connecting the Kolar Gold Field with Mormugao, by means of a branch line of railway from the Field via Dodballapur to Dodballapur on the Mysore State Railway, has not met with the approval of Government, and has, therefore, fallen through.

RAJAH RANGAYYA APPA ROW BAHADUR, of Nuzvid, in honour of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, has endowed a bed, to be known as "The Princess of Wales' Bed," in the Royal Victoria Dacs and Gosha Hospital, Madras.

IT is not likely that a meeting of the Madras Legislative Council will be held before H. E. Lord Amptbill leaves Madras. It is proposed to present the Farewell Address of the Madras Municipal Corporation to H. E. the Governor at the Banqueting Hall on the 13th instant.

IN exercise of the powers conferred by the Indian Foreign Jurisdiction Order in Council, 1902, the Governor General in Council is pleased to apply the Destruction of Records Act, 1879 (III of 1879), to the territories in Berar for the time being administered by the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.

THE Madras Syndicate, Ltd., was registered in London on the 6th December, with a capital £7,500, in £1 shares. Its objects are to carry on the business of Company promoters, financiers, capitalists, bankers, underwriters, brokers, commissionaries, miners, commission agents, contractors for public and other works, shipowners, etc. There was no initial public issue.

ACCORDING to latest advices received in St. Petersburg, Russo-Persian trade is being ruined by frequent disputes. Many Persians refuse to trade with Russians, and demand that the Russian Bank should refund losses caused by cessation of traffic and the failure by Russians to pay their bills. It is stated that Northern Persia is already full of British goods.

MR. M. KELWAY, BAMBER, Deputy Government Chemist, has proceeded to the Malay States, where he will visit several rubber properties. He will also collect a number of soils in order to study the most suitable conditions for rubber, tapioca, tobacco, and other products, and he will probably also pay a short visit to Sumatra in connection with the tobacco question.

THANKS to the combined efforts of Dr. Oscar Loew and Dr. Honda, says the "Japan Times," the Agricultural College at Tokyo has worked out a practicable method of manufacturing rubber from Japanese trees, so that mercantile rubber will hereafter be produced in Japan. Hitherto the raw gum grown in Japan has had to be exported to England, and then re-imported to Japan as rubber.

AN Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the Protection of Wild Birds is shortly to be introduced into the Ceylon Legislature. The purpose of this Ordinance is to make more efficient provision for the protection of wild birds by entirely prohibiting the destruction of certain scheduled wild birds, and by making it an offence to possess or export the skins or feathers of such birds. The Ordinance empowers Government Agents to fix close seasons for certain birds.

THE priests of the "Established Church" in Afghanistan have a firm friend in the present Amir who blends religion with politics in characteristic Oriental fashion. He has notified that all mullahs who preach obedience to himself as King of Islam and confirm the common people in their loyalty shall receive large sums of money periodically. With these they are to provide free food for their congregations gathered together to hear special exhortations. It is rather significant that the first to fall in with this idea are the fanatical preachers in the tribal country towards India. In Khost, the Shiawari and Mohmand tracts, certain mullahs are reported to have already received the promised payments in return for their zealous efforts.

THE terms on which railway communication with Kashmir is to be brought about are briefly given in the official Histories of Railway Projects published last year. The line will start from Sarai Kala station on the North-Western system, beyond Rawalpindi, and will be on the broad gauge as far as Abbottabad. Thence it will be on the metre-gauge to Srinagar, this section being worked by electricity provided by installations on the Jhelum River. The total distance is 200 miles, and the estimated cost is nearly 300 lakhs or two millions sterling. Proportions within British and Kashmir territory are to be constructed and owned by the Governments of India and the Darbar respectively. The Indian Government will also provide a practically unlimited supply of electric power and this will be made available in the Punjab and North-West Frontier Provinces for purposes other than those connected with railway traction. It is a big scheme, and all the possibilities cannot yet be estimated.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

A GREAT LIBERAL VICTORY.

MR. BALFOUR UNSEATED.

NOT since "Mafeking Day" have Manchester and Salford been as excited as they were on Saturday, Jan. 13. All the Manchester election results were announced from the Town Hall, and long before the polling closed the whole area of Albert Square in which the hall stands, was packed by an orderly though excited crowd. The first result to be announced was North-West

ENGLAND AND JAPAN.

SCENE IN THE TOKIO CHAMBER.

Japanese Criticise our Military Programme.

EXCHANGE OF OFFICERS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, FEB. 1.

Much comment has been occasioned by an interpellation in the Japanese Budget Committee to which the Minister for War has made a brief affirmative reply. The interpellation pointed out that the Anglo-Japanese alliance necessitated an expansion of the Japanese Army and that the British Army was not realising that its development should be equal to that of the British Navy and that the matter needed improvement in order to avoid a one-sided responsibility.

It is understood that the Minister of War in making the reply merely had in mind the Article seven of the Treaty of Alliance.

Arrangements have been completed whereby four British and three Indian Army Officers proceed annually to Japan to be attached to the Japanese Army for two years. They will study the language the first year and perform regimental duties in the second.

LONDON, FEB. 2.

The interpellation affair in the Japanese Chamber led to a heated debate accompanied by violent altercations and uproar. The sitting had to be suspended.

Confidence in the Government was finally voted by 384 against 166.

THE UNIONIST SPLIT.

Mr. Chamberlain's Attitude.

The "Daily Mail" urges a conference between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain with a view to uniting the Party under Mr. Balfour with Mr. Chamberlain's programme.

The Birmingham "Daily Post" states that Mr. Chamberlain's attitude in the matter of the Unionist leadership is most chivalrous and he has an insuperable objection to enter into competition with Mr. Balfour for the same.

The "Post" commenting thereon says that the progressive majority of the Party are determined to have a reconstruction and, if Mr. Chamberlain chivalrously decides still to follow Mr. Balfour, it is possible the majority will leave and elect another leader.

H M. THE QUEEN'S MOVEMENTS.

Departure for Copenhagen.

LONDON, FEB. 1.

Her Majesty the Queen goes to Copenhagen tomorrow to attend the funeral of the late King Christian.

RELIGIOUS DISTURBANCES IN PARIS.

A Church Besieged.

The taking of the inventory in the Paris Churches according to the provisions of the Separation Law is leading to disorderly scenes which culminated in a riot at Sainte Clothilde to-day where large crowds defended the Church and drove out the Prefect of the Police and Republican Guards, the bells at the same time ringing the Tocsin. The guards finally broke in the doors with the butts of their rifles and after a free fight expelled the demonstrators, 80 were injured and 150 arrests made.

LONDON, FEB. 2.

Of those arrested in the riot at Sainte Clothilde Church, seventeen were detained, including Counts Rochefoucauld and George of Bourbon charged with assaulting the Police.

ACCIDENT TO LADY GREY.

Serious Condition.

Sir Edward Grey's wife was thrown from her trap yesterday, and is still unconscious.

THE ITALIAN CHAMBER.

The Italian Chamber has rejected a vote of confidence in the Government by 221 against 188.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE S. S. SYLVIA.

Several Casualties.

The German steamer Sylvia, which struck a mine after leaving Vladivostock, was laden with troops. Ten of those on board were killed and seven injured.

The troops were landed on the ice at Cape Novosilsky.

NATIVES CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

In the Small Causes Court, here, yesterday, application was granted to the plaintiff in the case of Laik and Bannerjee versus R. D. Mehta for notice to issue on the defendant to show cause why sanction should not be accorded to prosecute him for perjury in the case which has recently been decided, the general grounds being that he made false and untrue statements in course of his evidence.

THE HOOGHLY BOATING ACCIDENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

The bodies of the victims in the recent drowning accident in the Hooghly, were recovered and buried yesterday. That of Mrs. Cunliffe was found about eight miles down the river and that of Miss Johnston at the Garden Reach where the accident occurred.

THE INDIAN COINAGE BILL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

The Select Committee's report is likely to be ready for presentation in Council on the 17th.

THE majority of those who are going on leave throughout the hot weather will naturally go to England, but amongst them are many who have left the old country so long that they will find no friends to go to To these the P. and O. Company appeal with the trips of the yacht Verties which will be coming about the Mediterranean for the first five months of this year an illustrated booklet issued by the Company forms a comprehensive guide to the different tours that will be made.

THE "STATESMAN" EXONERATED.

PAST PRIVILEGES RESTORED.

ANALYSIS OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

With reference to the "Statesman" case the following correspondence has been published :—

Letter dated Calcutta the 2nd February, 1906. from S. K. Ratcliffe Esq., Editor, 'Statesman" to H. H. Risley Esq., C. S. I., C. I. E. Secretary to the Government of India :—

In reference to the recent correspondence between the "Statesman" and the Government of India by their action in publishing the correspondence in the "Gazette of India" the Government have removed the controversy from the sphere of private correspondence to that of public statement in the Press. Nevertheless in view of the fact that the notification of the Government of India to the local Administrations is based upon a misconception of the language and intention of our letter of January 12th. We think that an early and satisfactory settlement of the matter is more likely to be reached if we again address the Government of India direct. The Government of India appear to have misapprehended our position in two important particulars, namely, the manner in which the document in question came into our possession, and the claim which in their letter to the local Administrations they attribute to the Editor of the "Statesman." We would venture in regard to the first of these points to submit that an assurance of bona fides on the part of a newspaper of the standing of the "Statesman" is entitled to full acceptance. That assurance has already been given. But we take this opportunity of adding that before publishing the document we satisfied ourselves by inquiry that it had not been obtained by improper means. With respect to the second question the Government of India indicate that they attach great importance to the use in our letter of January 12th of the words "note upon the file," They infer from this that the "Statesman" has claimed the right to publish notes upon files and further to exercise unfettered discretion in determining when such publication is desirable in the paragraph under discussion. The Government of India furnish a precise definition of the term "notes upon files" from which it is clear that the significance of the term as employed by them is essentially different from that in which it was used in our letter. It seems to us impossible that any responsible journal should claim the right to publish paper which are by nature confidential documents and can only come into possession of a newspaper by the betrayal of trust on the part of some employe of the Government, and on behalf of the "Statesman" we desire to say that we have never claimed and do not claim any such right. We would state in conclusion that while we retain our opinion that the disclosure of Lord Curzon's note cannot justly be described as a breach of journalistic propriety, its publication might from the point of view which the Government of India would naturally take be regarded as an indiscretion

Circulars Nos. 272—281 dated Calcutta the 2nd February, 1906, from H. H. Risley Esq. C. S.I., C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India to all Local Governments and Administrations :—

In continuation of my letter of 26th January I am directed to enclose a copy of a letter from the Editor of the "Statesman" dated 2nd February, 1906.

(2) In this letter the Editor gives a distinct assurance that the note published by him did not come into his possession by improper means Mr. Ratcliffe goes on to explain that in his letter of the 12th January the expression "a note upon the file" was employed with a significance entirely different from that attached to it by the Government of India. Accordingly he disclaims any intention to assert by implication or otherwise the right to publish documents of that description. Finally, while demurring to the charge of having infringed journalistic propriety he admits that the publication of Lord Curzon's note might, from the point of view which the Government of India would naturally take, be regarded as an indiscretion.

(3) The Government of India have no hesitation in accepting the assurance now given by Mr. Ratcliffe as to the circumstances in which the note in question passed into his hands. They are equally ready to accept his disclaimer of the intention which his use of the term "a note upon the file" had led them to impute to him. The action taken by them had for its object the assertion of the confidential character of the record of those discussions which are inseparable from the efficient transaction of official business and the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the public interests The assurances now given by the Editor of the "Statesman" relieve them from all apprehensions on that account and their main object having thus been attained, they have decided to order the withdrawal of the restrictions imposed by my letter of 26th January.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

Referring to the "Statesman" case the "Indian Daily News" says that the publication of Lord Curzon's note does not come within the definition of civil affairs in the Official Secrets Act, because it is not of such a confidential nature that the public interest would suffer by the disclosure. It is also not a wilful communication to persons to whom the same ought not, in the interest of the State, to be communicated because there was no knowledge that the document had been obtained by means of an offence against the Official Secrets Act. It is not covered by any other section.

LORD KITCHENER'S ARMY SCHEME.

THE CABINET'S DECISION AWAITED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

Proposals sent Home by Lord Minto's Government for bringing Lord Kitchener's scheme for reforming the administration of the army in India in force are now before the Cabinet and a reply may be expected at any time, as the matter will, no doubt, be thought to require a settlement before Parliament meets this month, when questions are sure to be asked.

THE KABUL RIVER RAILWAY.

WORK NOT STOPPED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 2.

With reference to the reported stoppage of part of the work of construction from the Kabul River Railway, the hostility of the Mohmands is, of course, a matter which is always liable to have to be reckoned with. But so far no outbreak upon the part of this troublesome clan had yet been reported, and it is not the case that any instructions have been given by the Liberal Government inimical to the progress with the work. The strategic value of a line to Afghan frontier at this point may or may not justify the large sum the undertaking will cost, but the new Cabinet have not so far taken any steps which would indicate a supposition that they have any intention of reversing the decision in the matter arrived at by such experienced authorities as Lord Curzon and his advisers.

CHARGES FOR POSTAL CERTIFICATES.

REDUCED FROM FEBRUARY 15TH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

A Commerce Department communique issued here states as follows :—

It has been decided that with effect from 15th February, 1906, the charge for a certificate of posting in respect of any postal articles for which a receipt is not given by the Post Office shall be reduced from 1/2 anna to 1/4 anna in all cases. The certificate will cover six or any smaller number of articles in the case of unregistered parcels and unregistered value payable packets and three or any less number in case of unregistered letters or of unregistered articles other than those already mentioned.

THE CIVIL SERVICE CUP.

CLARIBELL NOT A LIKELY STARTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

The "Indian Daily News" is informed by the owner of Claribell that that the animal is lame and therefore a doubtful starter for the Civil Service Cup.

PRESIDENCY RIFLE SHOOTING.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES.

B. B.‡ VOLUNTEERS TO THE FORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEB. 2.

The practice series from 200 to 1000 yards which were a sort of preliminary canter before the championship are now concluded, and to-day was occupied with the first batch of championship matches in spite of wind in the morning and hard wind in the afternoon. The scoring was good, three men of the B. B. and C. I. Volunteers were on the top of the list with possibles. The following are the scores of this morning's shooting :—

Practice matches, aggregate (British) :—Lance Corporal Harwood, 2nd B. B. and C. I. Volunteers, total points 191, Rs. 50. Sergeant Firman, B. B. and C. I. Vols. points 189 Rs. 30, Lance Sergeant Westropp, B. B. and C. I. Vols points 188 Rs. 20, Lance Corporal Mecreedy B. B. and C. I. Vols, points 188 Rs. 15. Lance Sergeant Carthy, B. B. and C. I. Vols points 187, Rs. 10. Color-Sergeant Hirst, York and Lancasters, points 186 Rs. 10, Corporal Radcliffe, 1st B. B. and C. I. Vols, points 184 Rs. 10, Sergeant Potter, 1st B. B. and C. I. Vols, points 184 Rs. 10, Captain Hare, Leicesters, points 183 Rs. 10.

Practice matches, aggregate (Native) :—Jamadar Bhima Sarafdar 108th Infantry, total pts. 195. Rs. 50 Color Havildar Gawrishankar Tevari, 105th Infantry, pts. 187 Rs. 30, Subedar Shabaz Khan, 122nd Infantry pts. 187 Rs. 20, Jamadar Gulam Hussein, 104th Rifles, pts. 187, Rs. 15, Havildar Ramchander Honsle, 114th Mahrattas. pts. 186 Rs. 10, Duffedar Mahomed Khan, 29th Lancers, pts., 85 Rs. 10, Havildar Rajsing, 104th Rifles, pts. 184 Rs. 10, Havildar Sitaram Parte, 3rd Sappers and Miners, pts 183 Rs. 10, Havildar Mahadeorao Deokar, 110th Infantry, pts. 183 Rs. 10.

Match 19 Championship 200 yards :—Lance-Corporal McCreedy, 2nd B. B. and C. I. Volunteers, pts. 35, Rs. 50, Sergeant Covell, 1st B. B. and C. I. pts. 35, Rs. 30, Lance-Sergeant Garthy, 2nd B. B and C. I. Vols pts. 35 Rs. 20, Quarter-Master Sergeant Brown, Musketry Staff, pts. 34 Rs. 10, Lieut Metford, 98th Infantry, pts. 34 Rs. 8, Sergeant Finnigan, 2nd B.B. and C.I. Vols.pts. 34 Rs.8. Sergeant Instructor Lockwood, 1st B. B. and C. I. Vols, pts. 34 Rs. 8. Volunteer Anderson, 1st B B. and C. I Vols. pts. 34, Rs. 5, Volunteer Garwood, 2nd B. B. and C. I. Vols. pts. 34 Rs. 5.

The shooting in the afternoon was confined again for the Championship in 700 yards, Color Havildar Mahadeo Madwal, 120th Infantry, made a possible 35. There were four others who scored 34 The extended order competition was won by the Connaught Rangers, the B. B. and C. I. Volunteers came second. The result of the shooting was as follows :—

Match 54, Native Championship 700 yards :—Color Havildar Mahdeo Madwal, 120th Infantry points 35 Rs. 30, Havildar Ganoo Jadeo, 108th Infantry, points, 34 Rs. 25 Naik Mahomed Khan, 3rd Sappers, points 34 Rs. 20, Lance-Naik Shaik Madar, 73rd Carnatic Infantry, points 34 Rs 10, Jamadar Rama Kalam, 14th Mahrattas, points 34 Rs.10 Naik Bhau Nikam, 108th Infantry, points 34 Rs. 5, Sepoy Abdul Sukar, 73rd Carnatics points 34 Rs. 5 Naik Majamuel singh, 12th Infantry, points 34 Rs. 5. Jamadar Parbato Tarahar. 108th Infantry, points 34 Rs. 5.

Match 20, British Championship, 500 yards :—Lieutenant Hauderson, 12th Rifles, points 34 Rs. 40 Lance Corporal Hanes, Royal Scots points 34 Rs. 40, Lance Sergeant Borrows, Leicesters, points 34 Rs. 20, Color Sergeant Crisp, 2nd G. I. P. Volunteers, points 33 Rs. 10, Arm Sergeant Brown, Musketry staff, points 33 Rs. 10, Volunteer Frampton, 2nd B. B. and C. I. Volunteers, points 33 Rs. 10. Pte Atkinson, Leicesters, points 33 Rs. 5, Sergeant Ryder, Connaught Rangers, points 33 Rs.5. Staff Sergeant Gray, R.G.A. and C. I. Volunteers, points 33 Rs. 5. Lieutenant Witford, 85th Infantry, points 33 Rs. 5, Sergeant Nasburg R.G. and C.I. Volunteers, points 33 Rs 5. Pte. Briggs, Leicesters, points 33 Rs. 5. Sergeant Bright, East Lancs, points 32 Rs.5

Match 7 extended order competition, 700 to 1,200 yards.

1st Heat, 1st B. B. and C. I. Volunteers, 5 points the Leicesters. 3 points.

Second Heat—Connaught Rangers 6 points, the East Lancashires 5 points.

Final Heat—the Connaught Rangers won by 5 points Rs. 100, 1st B. B. and C. I. Volunteers 4 points.

Match 36. Affinity stakes,—Mrs. Major, and Capt.-Major, 65 points.

Match 55 Native Championship 500 yards. Daffadar Mahuwasing, 42nd Deoli Regiment points 35 Rs 30, Pte Karim Dad, 103rd Infantry, points 34 Rs. 25. Subedar-Major Harjnooling, 29th Lancers, points 34 Rs.10. Sub dar-Major Karimkhan 104th Rifles, points 34 Rs. 10, Subhedar Dad, Hanat 94th, Russell's points 45 Rs. 5, Pte. Jussut Khan, 73rd, Carnatics, points 33 Rs. 5. Pte Shaik Bilayte, 9th Infantry, points 33 Rs. 5, Pte Sayed Rahimsoola 73rd Carnatics, points 33 Rs. 5.

THE SPECIAL CONSTABLES CASE.

PROSECUTION STOPPED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

In deference to opinion expressed by the Chief Justice of Bengal, the Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam have decided not to proceed further with the prosecution of the accused in the case of Emperor versus Satish Chunder Roy and eleven others, better known as the Rangpur Special Constables case, which has excited much interest here. The decision was referred to in the High Court to-day by the Chief Justice who exonerated the Magistrate and District Superintendent of Police from all imputation of having acted maliciously in the case.

THE TRADE WITH TIBET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

The British Trade Agent at Gurtok has returned to that place after a brief visit to India, Like Mr. Sherring, Deputy Commissioner, Almorah, who penetrated last summer into Western Tibet as far as the great Manassarowar lakes, he has found the Tibetans uniformally friendly. The development of trade with India must necessarily be slow however, owing to the almost entire absence of roads.

THE TASHI LAMA'S TOUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

The Tashi Lama and his party are now well inside Tibet upon their return journey to Shigatse. There was a good deal of snow upon Jeylapla when they crossed, but no other difficulty was encountered. One of the Tashi Lama's uncles who was ill with fever while at Calcutta, but who pluckily insisted on going on with the party, died at Guntuk on the way up.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

I.M.S. Captains C.F. Weinemarr and H. B. Steen are posted to Bengal and Captain H. M. Melhuish to the Jail Department of the Central Provinces.

The Rev. F. W. Martin is appointed Junior Chaplain of the Nagpur Ecclesiastical Establishment.

RAILWAY BOARD.

It is notified that the Railway Board have sanctioned the survey of a line from Moulmein to Ye, 92 miles, also the reconnaissance of a line from Moulmein to Myawaddy, 80 miles, both under the control of the Burma Government.

Mr. A. Morse is permitted to retire with effect from the 11th instant.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The exchange is sanctioned between Capts. Marsh, 9th Gordon's Horse, and Hazlehurst, the Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment.

Lieut Col. H. S. G. Hall to officiate as Deputy Director of Contracts and Registration, Eastern Command, vice Major Thompson on leave.

Nursing Sister Adeline L. Langshaw is removed from the Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India on account of absence without leave.

Indian Army Promotions :—Lieutenant-Colonel and Major Maitland Cowper, Hodson's Horse, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

The retirements are notified of Colonel B. Channer, Indian Army, and Lieutenant-Colonel Shambhu, Chandra Neogi, I.M.S.

Conductor A. J. Burgess, in gazetted Hon. Lieutenant and Sergeant G. F. Vahey to be Subconductor in recognition of services with the Somaliland Field Force.

Major Jennings, Political Agent of the Eastern States of Rajputana, is granted ten months' leave from current month, Major J. Colvin, from Bhopal, succeeding him and Major S. F. Bayley succeeding Major Colvin.

FAMINE INCREASING.

INCREASING NUMBERS ON RELIEF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 2.

The crop telegrams this week report good rain in part of the Allahabad district, but elsewhere there is no improvement. Famine has now been declared to exist in two tahsils of the Cawnpore district and test works have been opened in Rohtak, whilst signs are beginning to appear of distress in the Deccan.

The numbers under State relief continue to go up. They now amount to 79,000 in the United Provinces, 1,893 in the Punjab, 75,396 in Rajputana, 12,500 in Central India, 2,910 in Baroda, 8,697 in the Bombay presidency and 1,217 in Hyderabad State.

The following Press Note has been issued by the Bombay Government :—

Rainfall during week ending 23rd reported to have benefited indigenous cotton and late jowari in parts of Dharwar, presumably also in other parts of Karnatak. Slighter benefit to American cotton and standing wheat. Damage reported last week referred to cut crops in process of harvesting. Picking of indigenous cotton in Karnatak may be prolonged for month or so. During past week slight rain in Hyderabad, Thar and Parkar and Southern Maratha Country. Some damage to rabi crops from frost reported from Hyderabad, Panch Mahals, Mahi Kantha, Baroda, Poona, elsewhere continue in good condition except in affected districts, where as already reported cultivated area and out turn of rabi much below normal. Condition of cattle unaltered, continue to be sent out of East Deccan and Karnatak Districts for grazing and a number have been sold for low prices, but prices of plough cattle rising in Ahmednagar owing to demand in Khandesh. Many cattle have returned from Moghai for want of water. Fodder continues scarce in many places. Kadbi being imported into Moghai into Ahmednagar. Grass imported into Deccan and Karnatak by Government agency finds ready sale. Water supply in irrigation tanks and wells running low, and grants made for its improvement. Increase, in prices of staple grains generally maintained at from 20 to 80 per cent. over normal in Deccan and Karnatak, still approximate to normal in Konkan Sudden rise in some areas of Sholapur from which grain had been previously exported represents merely adjustment to previous prices. Stocks still large and exports free from these talukas. Relief works opened Belgaum, and being started Bijapur and Ahmednagar. Daily averages on relief works for week ending 20th instant Belgaum 1,536, Kolhapur 241 dependents, Bellarum 391, Kolhapur 62. On test works where numbers increasing they were last day of week, Ahmednagar 347, Satara 406, Sholapur 929, Belgaum 23, Jamkhandi 56, total 2,064. Numbers not given for Sholapur. Daily averages on gratuitous relief, Ahmednagar 3,095, Poona 376, Bijapur 1639, Belgaum 2,833 Jamkhandi 598, Dharwar 55 : total 8,697. Large increase except in Belgaum and Bijapur due to return of emigrants, and demand still to some extent. In Nasik and Poona ordinary works in progress and takavi and water-supply works sufficient to meet present demand. Emigration from Ahmednagar, Poona, Sholapur, Bijapur and Jath still continues, but decreasing and expected soon to cease. Steps being taken to extend relief measures near home. Gratuitous relief being given to helpless dependants of emigrants and other destitute persons. No aimless wandering and no unusual movements of floss. Physical condition of cattle remains unaltered.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAIL OF 19TH JAN.

THE P. and O. Co's steamer China, Captain G. K. Wright, R.N.R., arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon with the English mails of the 19th Jan. The China arrived in Bombay only a few hours late, than the usual time. The Isis which conveyed the mails from Brindisi to Port Said reached the latter port some hours late. The China after taking in the mails from the Isis was also detained by the fog in the Canal, but the speedy made up a considerable time during the voyage, reaching here at about 2 p.m. yesterday. She brought the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Anderson Mr
Atkinson Mr G C
Bacon Mr E B
Bames Miss G
Berridge Mr S C
Beauford Mr W A
Brookes Mr C E
Bruce Cap. J G
Carlisle Mrs and 3 children
Clarke Mr and Mrs A B
Collins Mrs
Dalrymple Miss
Dale Miss
Donald Mrs J S and infant
Duche Mr
Eaton Mr J W
Goodwin Mr W B
Goodfellow Rev F G A Mrs and infant
Harms Mr J R
Haslehurst Capt Mrs and child
Haumabuss Mr C H
Harper Mr J
Hill Rev C B Mrs and 2 children
Heath Mr and Mrs B H
Fowrie Mrs D M
Muir Mr J
Bens Mr and Mrs W A
Yusuf Mr and Mrs M
Theodore Mr and Mrs F E
Holmes Mrs
Wilson Mr and Mrs S
Beesley Mr A St V
Crocker Mr F W Mrs and infant
Pritchard Mr H R R and Mrs
Newbould Maj A W
Alexander Miss
West Miss
Price Mr and Mrs J and 2 Misses
Peay Mr L A
Lester Rev H F W
Hill Capt C H
Hammond Mr E L I.
Torrie Lt
Sharp Maj F L
Dewal Mr H P
Mitchell Rev J D
Sarkies Col S C
Emerson Col W
Weallens, Lt Col W
Holman Mr J
Hulse Mrs W L
Hallsworth Mr H
Johnson Mrs H E and Infant
Judd Mrs J C and child
Lazar 3 Miss s
Lavender Mr J
Lowry Mr and Mrs J C
McPherson L E H M
Merewether Maj and Mrs
Morton Mr G
Murray Mr S E
Nicoll Mr and Mrs G
Payson Miss M A
Pennington Mr H
Pool Mr W A
Reiff Mrs A
Steele Miss K
Squires Mrs G and 3 child ren
Wilmer Mr L Bigg
Wither Miss and infant
Watts Mr E W P
Wrigh Rev E Q and Mrs

FROM MARSEILLES.

Moxon Miss E A B
Usbo ne Mr C F
Forbes Mrs G
Creagh T J R
Young Mr and Mrs C L
Cameron Sir E and Lady and 3 sons
Townsend Mrs
Hall Mr W Mc
MacMillan Mr and Mrs W H
Young McKerrow Mr R
Baker Mr S
Scott F J
Taylor Mr G A
Tuill Mr G S and Miss
Stephens Mr S J B
Crabb Mr E A
Irvine Mr
Fleming Mr W N
Tozer Mr E
Lyon, Mrs
Dickie M s J E
Nicholson Sir H
Kreiger R C H
Mequith Mr F W
Isbell Mr M
Humphrey Mr and Mrs J

FROM BRINDISI.

Savage Mr H and Mrs
Newbould Mr B B
Wibburn Mr E V
Warthmars Mrs C H

FROM PORT SAID.

Cavalius Mr J

FOR KARACHI.

Bird Mr and Mrs G A
Narman Mrs and 2 Misses
Trevor Mr D B
Beith Mr W
Hemly Mr H
Bullock Mr and Mr H
Bone Mr W G
Brosiauer Mr E H
Laski Mr
Furnival Mr and Mrs F
Jones Mr and Mrs C P
Dalu Mrs J M
Xydis Mr G

FOR HONGKONG

Curry Mr and G A
H M Mr and Mrs F G
Male Mr and Mrs W H

PASSENGERS BY THE HOME WARD MAIL.

THE following passengers are booked to proceed to-day, by the P and O Co's steamer Egypt to London and Marseilles, with the Indian mails of the 3rd February :—

Ashton Mr H S
Andrews Mr J
Adam Major F L
And rson Mr A
Ashby Mr
Avers Mr
Bas field Mr J A
Bockenridge Miss E
Brown Major W H
Bandolo M J H
Bargin Mr A
Brown Mr P M
Cogan Mr T
Cogan Rev Dr H B
Campbell Mr D E
Campbell Mr E G
Churchill Mr J
Coleman Mr E
Collier Mr
Cooper Miss G
Crighton Mrs A C
Crompton Mr P
Crostwaite Mr
Dawson Mr and N
Deakin Mr G B
Drinkwater K W and infant
Brown Miss M R
Duce Mr
Duncan Mr C A
Dunlop Capt and Mrs
Egerton M W G
Foswick Miss M B
Forde Mrs L
Gill Mr
Gaidner Miss M E
Gardner Mrs A E
Gordon Miss F A
George Mrs E R D and 2 children
George Mr K R
Gilbert Major C
Good Mr
Gordon Mrs
Griffith Mr
Heath Mr P M
Hemelryk Mr Paul E J J P
Consul for Japan
Holdsworth Mr W O
Hall Col S
Holt Mr A J
Homer Mrs
Hagenson Mr
Harper Miss M B
Jackson Miss
Johnson Mr R L
Johnston Mr
Johnston Mr J C R
Jones Mr M S and infant
Jay Mr B
Kenny Mr W H
Kenrick Capt
Lane Capt F M
Lil wood Mr Chas E
Loos Mr F G
Lizare
Miller Mr and Mrs
Morris Mr E B L
Mackenzie Mrs
Maddillon M. J
Magrath Mrs
Marden M H
Matheson Mrs J H
Mackay Mr M
Morrison Mr H
Myrne Mr E
Newton Mr Erio
Nairn Mr and Mrs G N
Olver Mr J
Pim Mr J W
Rahman Mr
Bat l Mr C A
Hoosain Doo Mr E
Rithers M. and Mrs
Rivers Mr and Mrs R S
Milner Mr F
Sokell H n Mrs
Scott Mr C A
Sellnor Mr and Mrs S
Shiprock Mr G
Sheepshanks Miss R.
Steven Mr
Steer E P S
Stewart Mr J G
Stock ell Mr D F
Sherman
Shonbolle Mr Mrs and infant
Thompson Mr B S.
Tonge Mrs
Tonge A F Capt
Vanny Mr and Mrs A L
Verchere Mr Charles
Wilmer Mr H S
Walker Lt-Col P G W.
Watkins Mr W
Watson Mr and Mrs H G
Wearing Mr C
Wrights Mr J
Wilkinson Mrs Cann's child
Woodhead Mr E A
Young Miss M
Young Richard Mr.

NEXT WEEK'S CENSUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Next Saturday is fixed for a fresh enumeration of the population of this city on the ground that the one taken in January 1901, was not accurate. This allegation of inaccuracy was originally made by the Health Officer to the Municipal Commissioner out without assigning any cogent reasons for it. The scepticism was so far dogmatic. The Health Officer is of belief that owing to the virulence of the plague at the time the last census was taken, a considerable population was absent from the town and island of Bombay, and so far he is doubtful whether the figures of the enumeration viz., 7,76,006, are correct. The scepticism is allowable from the point of view of the Health Officer, who is greatly disappointed to notice that despite the many measures, the Municipality has taken to abate deaths from plague, and other diseases, the mortality should still bear a high ratio in relation to the recorded population.

The above explanation cannot, however, be accepted as a scientific explanation of the so-called inaccuracy of the last census. If the Health Officer thinks it was the purest umeration that was wrong he had better state his reasons in which direction the wrongness lay. Was it in summing up the totals? Then it is incumbent on him to point out the error. Or did the mistake lay in omitting to enumerate persons in the town in certain areas, who ought to have been counted? In that case it is equally his duty to show which were the areas wherein the people were omitted to be counted, and what was their number? Was it large enough to materially alter the figure as recorded? If anything, I, for one, am sure that profiting by experience of previous censuses, the local Government had taken the greatest pains to see that the enumeration was carefully made, and the final totals correctly summed up. But, I regret to say, up till now the Health Officer has not adduced an iota of evidence as to his belief that the census was inaccurate or carelessly taken. Mr. Edwardes, who so ably superintended the operation from first to last ought to have something to say on this subject. Meanwhile, I am of opinion that no expert in vital statistics could simply accept on trust the unsupported statement of the Health Officer. One finds that the death rate yet is obstinately high, and, therefore, jumps to the conclusion that it must be owing to the inaccurate census of 1901. A larger figure would immediately bring down the present death rate in the city, in ratio to the population. The wish may be father to the thought. And it is to be presumed that it is in order to gratify such a wish that he has moved the Corporation to take a fresh census.

But leaving this point aside for the present, let me, Sir, proceed at once to the main subject of this letter, which is to show that, on the basis of the recorded figures of births and deaths during the last five years, even the population now could hardly be 9 or 10 lakhs as is fondly imagined. I am not speaking without the book. I go upon the official statistics of the Health Officer himself, and besides, take into account the normal growth of the population in the city as was declared at one of the previous censuses, namely, that the increase is at the rate of 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. per annum. I adopt this maximum percentage of annual growth, and take the births and deaths in the city as registered by the Health Department, from the commencement of 1901 to the close of 1905. Thus :—

Population in January 1901.....7,76,006

	Births.	Deaths.
1901.....	13,521	59,495
1902.....	17,599	48,114
1903.....	16,375	50,513
1904.....	19,141	42,676
1905.....	19,141	47,762

Working out these figures I arrive at a total population of only 6,55,538. Should the census next Saturday show a considerably large population, say 9 or 10 lakhs, I would be agreeably surprised, provided it is carefully taken without exaggeration, and is not open to the same inaccuracy which is alleged against the last census. It is important to remember that during the last five years there have been recorded as many as 2,48,869 deaths against 86,191 births. If we even make allowance for some discrepancies in registration and take the latter roundly at 1 lakh there is still the appalling excess of 1 1/2 lakhs of deaths to be taken into consideration. The question is, has the city received an accretion to its population of 1 1/2 lakh against the loss on an equal number by deaths. If so, then the census ought to show no more than a population of the number as the last year, 7,76,006 taking the normal growth at 2 per cent. the five years' increase, according to my computation comes to 71,960. So that when I give credit for 1,50,000 I really double and more the normal percentage of 2 per cent. In other words, if after accounting for births and deaths, there has been an increase of 4 per cent and over per annum, then alone we should have a population of 7,76,006, if at all. But should the census record even a larger number say 9 per 10 lakhs, then it is evident that the influx per annum in the city must be at a rate which must be deemed phenomenal. Let me hope that I may prove false Cassandra and that after all the Health Officer is the true prophet.—Yours &c.

D. E. WACHA.

GRAND MILITARY TATTOO.

The grand Military "Tattoo" and Massed Bands in aid of the Organ Fund of the Afghan Memorial Church will take place at 9-30 p.m. to-night on the Maidan near the Bombay Gymkhana. The following Bands will be in attendance :—The Yorkshire Regiment, the 104th Wellesly Rifles, the 113th Infantry, the G. I. P. Railway, the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots :—

PROGRAMME.

1. 1st Post and Bugle March.....Dalhousie .....Cook.
   The Buglers of the Yorkshire Regiment.
2. Grand Selection ...Tannhause.....Wagner.
   The Massed Bands, conducted by Mr. Mallan laina, Bandmaster, G I P. Railway.
3. Last Post .....March by Fifes and Drums of the Yorkshire Regiment 'Kimberley' with Bugle effect.
4. Selection.....Vocalque .....Messager.
   The Massed Bands, conducted by Mr. F. Andrews, Bandmaster, Yorkshire Regiment.
5. Swiss Training Drill of B. C.'s, Yorkshire Regiment, under Major A. D. S. Hadow.
6. Selection.....Reminiscences, of Sullivan.....Arranged by Godfrey.
   The Massed Bands, conducted by Mr. Walcott, Bandmaster, 104th Rifles.
7. Selection .....Reels..... .....Scrathspays, etc.
   Pipes and Drums of the Royal Scots under the direction of Pipe-Major Duff.
8. Valse ....Acclamation .....Waldteufel.
9. Grand Finale, commencing with the entry of Representative Regiments (English, Irish, Scotch and Indian) from different parts of the ground, each playing in turn their Regimental March up to Band Stand to be concluded with Mr. Rogan's Grand Finale consisting of Fanfares, Marches and the Grand Old Choral "Abide With Me."

II. Officers attending the performance of Massed Bands to-night will wear Mess Dess, Cloth.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE—Jan. 19.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Mr R S Hughes-Buller B C.v
Major J A Kennion B Cov
Mr H Savage B Cov
Mr W Harris B
Mr Gaution F B
Mr W I Morison B Cov
Mr H G G H
Col F Campbell D S O I A
Lieut-Col G S Keroh 21 Cav
Lieut-Col W M Downs 38 Carnatic I
Lieut-Col A K Burne 40 Pathans
Major R M Bell S T C
Major R J R Graves 37 Punj
Major A Walpole 18 E

Capt C H B Clark 73 Carnatic I
Capt A A P Waller 42 Deoli R R
Capt J Logan S T C
Capt W G Mason I S M D
Lieut N V Drew 1.0 Rajputana I
Lieut G G Canning 21 Cav
Major A G Cowan 71 Punj
Lieut E O Hughes R E
Seconded
Lieut-Colonel ross a tached Baghdad R.
Second-Lieut J L Scott R I Regt
Nursing Sister Miss I E B Hare-Scott Q A M N S I

EXPENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Major W Vost I M S B 6 m M C
Major H Pritchard B 1 day's extraordinary leave
Capt R S James 6 months M C
Capt S Anderson I M S 8 months study leave from Jan 15 1906
Mr C Henniker B Cov 7 months
Mr J E Gde B I days furl
M C C Hughes-Hallett B 6 m M C
Mr C Sibbald B 3 months furl
Mr L C D Bean 3 months commuted into furl on M C and ext 6 mo
M. T W T Wheeler B 1 year's furl
Mr H D Lindquist B 3 months M C (period after May 8 1901 could only be used)
Mr E W Leghorn Cov 6 months M C
Capt W R L Anderson C V I A 6 m M C
Capt W Lapsley I M S 2 months M C
Capt E M Lane 9 Inf 3 months M C
Lieut H I Money 1-1 G R 2 months M C
Lieut K D Ames attached Yorkshire Regt 6 months M C
Lieut E L Hancock 90 Punj 3 months M C

FURNITTED TO REJOIN.

Major C H Pritchard B
Capt A L Jacob I M S B
Capt C H Beasley I M S B
Mr C S Wallis B Cov
Mr H J Meintosh B Cov
Mr F W Browning B Cov
Mr R N Burn B

done by them [illegible] its predetermined end and in defiance [illegible] of all obstruction from Hyder, Jenkins and Washington." An Indian gentleman, Syed Ali, a Civilian from the North West Provinces, impressed all who had not previously heard him by his eloquence. He quite electrified the audience and evidently Mr. Gokhale must look to his laurels.

POONA MOTOR CYCLE TRIALS.

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, Feb. 2.

The Poona Motor Cycle Trials, which were unavoidably postponed owing to the prevalence of Plague at Kolhapur are now definitely fixed for the 23th and 23th of this month and considering the number of entries received already they bid fair to be a great success. The trophies are ten in number and are illustrated in the guide which has been issued.

The number of entries actually received so far are :—

Maharaja of Tikari	Spec 5
J Pooley	Rex 3 5-8 h. p.
P Pooley	Rex 3 5-8
W Whitburn	Singer 3 1-2
N Khambatta	Minerva 5
P Khambatta	Vindec 2 3-4
W Bolter	Largula 2 1-2
L. Jenkins	Peugeot 2 3-4
Capt Brewis	Rex 3 1-4
J Roberts	Peugeot 3 1-2
P Stewart	Royal Riley 3 1-2
A Bachmann	Peugeot 3 1-2
A Pickard	F N 5
Dr Rawlandson	F. N. 5

The following will probably start :—

Lt Henderson, (Ahmednagar); G Mawson, Minerva; J Irani, Hobart; A Brown, Rex; E M Lane, (Calcutta); Nigel Jones, Chase; W Winsor Quadrant; H Ruston Hobart; W Monk, (Calcutta); E Lane, (Calcutta); P Goffine Ariel.

The Executive.

Judges.

Messrs Combi, Fernandez, Ghaswala, Ellis, Stewart, and Vincent.

Starter.

Mr. H. J. Illsley.

Officials.

(Poona,) Messrs. Audy, Nolan and Webb.
(Shirval), Messrs. Wood and Hinton
(Satara) Messrs. Maisch and Woortman,
(Kolhapur,) Messrs Adcock and Collins

Time-keepers.

Police Chowky, Messrs. T. Dobson, and Chinnery, Katraj Tunnel, Messrs. J Bowley, and J H. Smith.

Committee.

Messrs. Mawson, Pooley, Whitburn, Cornfield and Butler.

Hon. Secy.

P. Stewart No. 1, Sholapur Road, Poona.

Prize List.

A Silver Cup—Fluted, value Rs. 120, presented by Mr. K. Davur, Bombay.

A Silver Cup—Value Rs. 150, presented by Mr. Chas Harding.

A Queen Anne Silver Tea Set—in Morocco case, value Rs. 123, presented by M. F. D. Pudumjee.

A Silver Cup—Value Rs. 60 presented by Messrs. N. Mehta and Co.

A Silver Cup—Value Rs. 50, presented by Mr. K. A. Ghaswala.

A Silver Cup—Rs. 40, presented by Mr. Rustomjee Jeejibhoy.

The Judge's Cup—(a) A Cup, value Rs. 60, presented by the Judges.

(b) A cup value Rs. 20, presented by the Judges, Tantalus—Two bottles, in case, value Rs. 10, presented by Mr. W. Tinker of Dun op Tyne Coy.

A Cup—Presented by the members of the Committee.

Prize Rules.

1. The Chas Harding Cup will be awarded to the competitor who is found on the termination of the Trials to have finished the whole run in the best average time, within the maximum and minimum limits.

2. The Pudumji Trophy will be given to the competitor putting up the second best performance.

3. The Jeejibhoy Cup to the rider making the third best performance.

4. The Ghaswala Cup will be awarded to the competitor, making the fourth best performance.

In case of a tie, the time taken in para. 6 will be considered.

5. Consolation Prize.—To the competitor putting up the most meritorious performance, will be awarded the prize presented by Mr W. Tinkler. The Judges' decision will be guided by (a) Horse Power (b) condition of machine after Trials (c) consistent running and observations taken on the course.

6. The Davur Cup.—A prize reserved for hill climbing and speed. The timing will be taken on the actual run by officials from a short distance from the Karraj Police Chowky up to Karraj Tunnel. The points will be indicated by flags and on the competitor passing same the time will be noted and given to the Judges, after the run. The distance is about 5 miles the last 2 of which is a Ghat. The road will be kept as clear as possible. Second prize—Cup, presented by Messrs. N. Mehta, and Co.

(a) No competitor will be allowed to enter for this event only (b) The prize will not be awarded to the best timed machines unless they have been over the whole course which must be covered in the maximum time.

7. The Judges' Prize.—A prize, presented by the Judges for speed alone, over a good stretch of road, about a mile long. This will take place at Kolhapur before the start. Timings will be taken as both ends, by the Judges. Order of starting, according to original number.

(1) No alteration in the gear used on the previous day's run will be allowed. (2) To the competitor doing the best time will be awarded the prize regardless as to whether he finishes the course within the described time. (3) A second prize will also be awarded.

8. The Committee's Prize.—A prize presented to the rider running over a short distance (200 yards) in the longest time, this will reserved for the evening of the 25th and will take place at about 6 p. m.

(1) The Tortoise Race will be run off in heats if necessary. (2) Competitors may use their exhaust lever but on account must the machine stop running nor pedals be used, after the distance allowed. (3) Machines will be ridden in straight line and not all over the road.

The Prize distribution will take place on the 28th if possible and a Band will be in attendance at the finish.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(Concluded from page 4.)

The Liberals expected a big majority. Their opponents expressed themselves mystified as to how they would use it. The Liberals had spoken plainly enough. But if the Conservatives were dissatisfied with their promises he guaranteed that their performances should be plain enough. (Cheers.) He saw with surprise that Mr Chamberlain would not accept the verdict of this General Election as conclusive. Why? Mr. Chamberlain had had his way. He had clamoured for the Fiscal Question being put in the forefront. It was in the forefront. The Liberal Ministers did not propose to stand muzzling time. There would be no standing still when once the country had given its opinion by a majority. On the contrary they would take up the challenge of Protection. The late Ministers themselves tested the Condition of the People Question. Well, and good the present Government would deal with the condition of the people. But the Tory cure was not the Liberal cure. With regard to the land policy, the idea of the present Government was to give greater security and freedom to the tenant, and to give access to the soil to the labourer, and the levying of a rate in site values would largely help to a solution of the housing difficulty.

Concerning the Tariff Question at Crieff on Jan. 17, the Prime Minister said if tariff retaliation were adopted there would be all kinds of scheming, manœuving, interlarding, and log-rolling, and to put it mildly, an occasion for corruption if their countrymen were capable of indulging in that little vice. There would be all that to an extent that they had never in this country seen before. (Cheers.) They saw it before their eyes in the other countries where the high tariff system or the system of preferential prevailed, but they were told this would give them an opportunity in certain things of giving preference to the Colonies, and that this would unite the Colonies and the mother country together and greatly strengthen the empire. It so happened that before he left home that day he received a telegraphic message, a report of a large meeting in Wellington New Zealand for the purpose of congratulating the New Government in the Mother country on its accession to power —loyal toasts—and declaring that they would have nothing to do with a system of preference as a condition of their loyalty and that they were opposed to anything which would bind or hinder their fiscal freedom. Above all that they were opposed to Chinese labour in any part of the dominion (loud cheers). This was not the first message of the kind but he thought it was the most significant that he had received (Cheers). These were Colonies whose views were told had been wringing their hands and tearing their hair because they thought the Conservatives were going out of power, and those men who were broken by the verdict of the public opinion of the country, men who had been telling them that they would go to pieces if they were not able to prevent it, and that our trade would follow the empire, and that we should be left naked and ashamed before the world. (Laughter.) He never knew a more foundationless and, he might add, a more vulgar appeal to anyone's past than the pretence of this one party in the State to be the peculiar friends and persons and supporters of our Colonies. The Liberals trade in sentiment, but they knew a fact or two and one of those facts was the the colonial empire had been built up by the principles of the Liberal party. (Cheers.)

For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of Pinelline sprinkled on a wet toothbrush [illegible] lather, which thoroughly cleanses the [illegible] all particles of [illegible], hardens the gums, arrests tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a pearly whiteness and a delightful refreshing [illegible] removes all unpleasant odour [illegible] or tobacco smoke. The [illegible] recommended in cases of Honey [illegible] the taste, and the [illegible] Of all Chemists [illegible] 82 Farringdon [illegible] England.

GODHRA NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

GODHRA, Feb. 1.

The epidemic of plague with which we have been troubled since September last, has died out, the sanitary reports showing that no case has occurred during the past fortnight. The inhabitants of the town who had abandoned their houses and adopted rural habitations in the surrounding fields have all returned and made the place resume its normal lively aspect, which is a pleasant change from the desolate appearance that prevailed during the past few months with entire streets deserted and scarcely any visible signs of life. Curiously enough with the decline and gradual disappearance of the plague from Godhra, the disease has made its appearance at Dohad, which is 43 miles distant and the next largest town in the district. The grim spectre of famine, which is still hovering round several parts in the Presidency, has not as yet evinced any outward signs of its existence in these parts, if one is to judge by the bodily condition of the poorer classes who are much in evidence, and the bulk business that goes on in grain in the vicinity of the Railway Station, where the roads from early morning are packed with laden carts. The prices of foodstuffs have however risen due probably more to the enormous amount exported than to actual deficiency in the supply. The wily Bania is never slow to turn the least opportunity to advantage and is never at a loss to put forward a tale of woe sufficient to melt the most adamantine heart if credited (which it rarely is). It has not been found necessary to start any relief measures, which is a good sign and one that it is hoped will continue.

There has been an influx of poor people from Marwar and Rajputana in search of work but not in sufficiently large numbers to cause anxiety to the local labourers; occupation for all is available, while wages are still high. The Public Works Department has several works under construction which afford employment to a good number. Prominent among these works is the making of a road from Champaner Road Station on the Godhra Baroda Chord line, to Champaner the site of a famous City, where several ruins of architectural grandeur and archaeological value are still to be seen and thanks to the interest taken by the late Viceroy, are now cared for and looked after by the Public Works Department.

An experimental farm under the auspices of the Agricultural Department is being started at Dohad next to the Manala Tank, the water of which is to irrigate the area under experiment. Mr. Curtis the Joint Director General of Agriculture with Mr. Lawrence the permanent incumbent of the post were recently at Dohad where they settled all the arrangements for the working of the projects and seemed to be sanguine of its success. That the farm will be a success there is little room to doubt, backed as it is by all the support which the unlimited resources of Government allow. In the hands of a private individual, it may be doubted if it would be a success, without sacrificing an amount of capital and labour out of all proportion to the profit that would accrue.

The various departments of Government represented in the district are going through the ordeal of being overhauled by their various chiefs. Some have come and gone and others are on the programme to follow. The casual observer who has no official standing or connection can only guess from the signs of preparation in progress which particular department is to have its innings next. A couple of months ago, there was a general cleaning up of the jail and its surroundings on account of an expected visit from the Inspector General of Prisons. The cleaning was completed on, the visit was postponed involving another cleaning at some future time. Next the Hospital showed signs of assuming an outward appearance of respectability leaving no doubt that the Surgeon-General was on the war path. His inspection though brief was thorough and if rumour is to be believed will result in improvements that have long been wanted if Government can only be persuaded to provide the requisite funds. Following in the wake of the head of the Medical Department came the Excise Commissioner who is said has submitted a scheme for the amalgamation of the Abkari and Opium Departments, which is to come into force with the beginning of the official year and is expected to work wonders in revolutionising the Excise Administration in Gujerat. The Director General of Land Records has also done his share of inspection and upset the nervous system of a few of those who had the misfortune to wait upon him in their capacity, either as hereditary proprietors or holders of rights. Another General, the head of the Police, who is at present at Ahmedabad is expected in the course of a few days to overhaul the bobbies who are busy with brush and button stick titivating their uniform, to make a good impression on the "Junrall Saheb" when he comes. I hear that Mr. Guider the local head of the Forest is under orders of transfer to Poona as Assistant Inspector-General of Police. The Forest Department have also had their share of being scrutinised by their Departmental head, who lacking the distinguished title of rank which the other celebrities hold must, notwithstanding being engaged to the tune of one lac, though I believe, he was the first on the scene this year.

DELAYS OVER INQUESTS.

The following correspondence has passed between Government, and Dr. Nadirshaw H. E. Sukhia, on the subject of delays over the holding of inquests and a suggested remedy :—

Bombay, 29th August 1905.

To the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, Bombay.

Sir,—I beg to request you to lay before His Excellency the Governor, the accompanying cutting of a Leader on page 4 of the current issue of the "Jame-e-Jamshed" under the heading of "The Coroner's Inquest on the dead bodies of the Parsis" which speaks for itself as to the hardships to which the relatives of the deceased are subjected and the right degree to which their religious and other feelings are injured, and excited due to immense delay caused in holding the inquests.

I respectfully submit that His Excellency will be pleased to issue such orders as His Excellency the Governor in Council may think proper and take such other steps to avoid unnecessary delay in holding inquests on the dead bodies of members of the Parsi Community the most law-abiding Native Community under the Indian Government, for which act of kindness the whole Parsi Community shall ever feel grateful to His Excellency's Government.—Yours, truly.

NADIRSHAW H. E. SUKHIA, L. M. AND S. L. V. SC., M. R. S. INST. (LOND.)

29th August 1905.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 29th August 1905, regarding the leadership in the Jame-e-Jamshed, under the heading of the Coroner's inquest on the dead bodies of the Parsees, and to say that after procuring a translation of the newspaper cutting I will place the matter before His Excellency.—Yours, faithfully.

(Sd.) J. H. DuBOULAY.

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia,

Bombay, 5th October, 1905.

To the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,—With reference to your letter dated the 29th August 1905, and in continuation of my letter to you of even date, I beg to draw His Excellency's attention to the accompanying cutting of the leader to that has appeared in the issue of the Jame-e-Jamshed of the 3rd inst. under the heading of "A request" with a request that His Excellency in Council will be pleased to issue such orders as may be deemed proper to avoid delay in holding inquests on the dead bodies of the Parsi-Zoroastrians for reasons mentioned in my last letter.

Here I beg to submit for the consideration of His Excellency in Council the great desirability of either appointing a whole time Coroner or a few more Coroners one for each large Ward of the City to obviate the consequences mentioned in the leader, etc.—Yours, faithfully.

NADIRSHAW H. E. SUKHIA, L. M. & S., L. V. Sc., M. R. S. Inst. (Lond.)

Camp, 8-10-05.

Dear Sir,—I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 5th October 1905, with enclosure regarding the leadership in the Jame-e-Jamshed of the 3rd October 1905, under the heading of "A Request."—Yours, faithfully,

(Sd.) J. H. Du Boulay.

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia.

Bombay, 10th Oct. 1905.

To the Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

Sir,—In continuation of my letter, dated the 5th instant, with accompaniment I beg to request you to lay the accompanying cutting from to-day's local paper the "Jam-e-Jamshed" before His Excellency Lord Lamington for his kind and sympathetic consideration.

The leaderettes speak for themselves and it is high time that something should be done to expedite holding of inquests. I beg to trust the Government will be pleased to oblige the Parsi-Zoroastrian Community by taking such steps as may be deemed proper to expedite inquests on the dead bodies of the Parsi-Zoroastrians.

Here I beg to suggest the appointment of any qualified medical graduates of good standing and social status in preference to lawyers to the posts of Coroners and Deputy Coroners, as lawyers cannot make it convenient to hold inquests during Court hours, and cannot come to a finding without proper medical evidence.—Yours, faithfully,

NADIRSHAW H. E. SUKHIA, L. M. & S., L. V. Sc.; M. R. S. Inst. (Lond.),

17-10-1905.

Dear Sir.—I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 10th October, together with the cutting from the "Jam-e-Jamshed" on the subject of Inquests on Parsi deaths.—Yours, truly,

(Sd) J. H. Du Boulay.

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia.

No. 317 Judicial Dept.

Bombay, Castle, 22nd January, 1906.

To Nadirshaw H. E. Sukhia Esquire, L.M. & S., L. V. Sc., M. S. Inst. (London.)
Sukhia Buildings, Fort, Bombay.

Sir,—With reference to your letters, dated the 29th August, the 5th October, and the 10th October 1905, to the address of the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, regarding the delay that took place in holding an inquest on the dead body of a Parsi lady at Thakorodwar, I am directed to state that Government having made inquiries have come to the conclusion that there was no any delay which in the circumstances was unreasonable.

I am at the same time to inform you that the inconvenience arising out of delay in holding inquests does not appear to be so common or so general as to justify the expenditure which would be involved in appointing a Coroner, who would be required to give the whole of his time to the duties of his office and that these duties are not sufficiently onerous to require the whole time of an official. I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) F. W. MONIE,
Under Secretary to Government.

FIRST CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Batty presided at the first Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court, which commenced yesterday.

THE POONA SEDITION CASE.

The Hon. Mr. Ralkes, Advocate General, instructed by Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor, appearing for the Crown in the case of sedition against Bhaskar Balvant Bhopatkar, editor and publisher of the "Bhala" or Spear, a Marathi newspaper in Poona, made an application. In reply to a question from Mr. Jardine, Clerk of the Crown, the accused had said that he pleaded not guilty to the charge and claimed to be tried.

Mr. Ralkes said that with his Lordship's permission he would mention case No. 5 on the calendar, in which the name of the accused was Bhaskar Balwant Bhopatkar, who was charged under Section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code. Counsel was instructed for the Crown to ask for a Special Jury in the case; for the appreciation of the effects of the article, it was desirable to try it by a Special Jury.

Mr. D. D. Davar, who, with Mr. G. K. Gadgil, was instructed by Messrs. Raghvaya and Bhimji for the accused, said the application was made under Section 276 B of the Criminal Procedure Code; it was entirely for his Lordship to determine whether the accused should be tried before a Special Jury, or a Common Jury. The words in the Section were: "In any other case a Judge of the High Court so directs, the jurors shall be chosen from the Special Jury list hereinafter prescribed" and so forth. His Lordship had, therefore, the entire discretion. So far as Counsel for the accused was concerned, said Mr. Davar, he had no desire to interfere with it one way or the other, as to which jury his client should be tried by. Accused was charged with publishing in a Marathi newspaper certain article likely to cause disaffection towards Government. The article purported to be an aliegorical discussion, in a place not very definite, as to the merits or demerits of certain Governments. It was in Marathi and there would be an English translation before the jury. His Lordship would quite understand that in order to appreciate the eloquent incubrations of the native mind, it would be necessary to enter into the spirit of the mind. A translation could not be expected to do that, although it might be literally accurate. Therefore it would be for his Lordship to say whether it would be better for the case to be tried, in these circumstances, before a Common or a Special Jury. The paper was of a moderate circulation and very modest reputation; the class of its readers did not accordingly come from the special Jury type. What effect the article had on the mind of its readers was a material question in the trial, and that class of readers who were likely to be in a better position to judge of the spirit of the article were the readers to appreciate the effect of it on the public mind. Personally, as Counsel had already intimated, he was indifferent as to which Jury the accused was to be tried by; but the considerations he had advanced to his Lordship were such as would considerably qualify the effect the article had on the minds of its readers; however, it would be for his Lordship to pass any orders he pleased in the interest of justice.

His lordship: As a matter of fact nothing turns on the wording.

Mr. Davar: Much turns on the spirit, my Lord.

His lordship: Better go on with a Special Jury; they are better qualified.

Mr Davar applied that as the Sessions were likely to be fairly long, it would be best to fix a day for the trial.

After hearing the Advocate General, his Lordship fixed Monday the 12th instant, subject to any part-heard case. The accused was, on Mr. Davar's application, allowed to go on the same bail as at present.

CUTTING A WIFE'S NOSE.

Badula Akbar, (25), a Mahomedan Tailor, was tried for slitting off the nose of his wife, Jaina, in Shaid Lane, Kalbadevi, on 13th November last. Mr. G. K Gadgil, instructed by Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution. The prisoner was undefended.

Counsel for the Crown opened the case. He said that the facts being few and simple, the gentlemen of the jury would experience very little difficulty in coming to a clear and correct conclusion in the case. For some reason or other not known, accused cut the nose of his wife, Jaina woman, with a clasp-knife. He suddenly attacked her; threw her down, tied her hands with a waist-band, and slit off a part of her nose. The woman's cries brought to the place other persons, Aishabi and Jaina Zainab women, among them. A policeman removed Jaina to the Jamshedji's Hospital, where she remained under treatment for about a month. Accused, who had run away, was again apprehended with the knife in his hand, and with the marks of blood on him, by Abdula Daud, who handed him over to policeman Ahmedkhan Bukhu. He was then placed before Inspector Jebb, who took up the inquiries.

Accused's defence was that his wife was an abandoned character; thrice had he forgiven her misconduct, but when for the fourth time she misbehaved, he could suffer it no longer. It was owing to her that he was outcasted from his community; he had deserted him for the sake of others; when she came back to him on the last occasion, he told her to go away and not to annoy him more. Most provokingly she retorted that she would prefer the company of others for a hundred times, and still come back home to him. At this, he lost his self-control and committed the offence.

Summing up the case to the jury, the Judge said that the extenuation of the offence charged to the accused would consist, if in anything, in not only grave, but sudden provocation, given on the spur of the moment, and sufficient to make him lose his self control. His suspicions about her whether well grounded, or ill grounded, had no proper evidence. Another thing to be considered was whether a permanent disfiguration had been caused to the woman; of course, according to the evidence of Dr. Macqueen, Horse-Sang on on the Hospital, it was very much reduced. But to do was owing to medical skill again, the injury, according to the testimony of the same witness, was not of such a severe character, as to prevent her from following her ordinary occupation.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the charge of causing grievous hurt; sentence was deferred.

A DISHONEST POSTMAN.

Atmaram Bapuji, a postman employed in the Oomercarry Post Office, was charged with throwing away letters and postcards which were in course of transmission by post and were entrusted to the accused for delivery to the addressees, Mr. D. M. Karaka, instructed by Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown. The prisoner was not defended.

Mr. Karaka, in opening the case to the jury, said the accused was charged under section 52 of the Post office Act with having thrown away certain letters entrusted to him for delivery. The facts of the case lay in a nutshell. On the 18th December last the accused, who was employed in the Oomercarry Post Office, was given certain letters to be delivered to the addressees. On the following day, a boy named Shridhar found six postal letters lying on the iron grating of a gutter near the Improvement Trust Chawls at Jacob's Circle. They were two letters and four post cards. On information received regarding the find the Postmaster at Jacob's Circle went and saw the letters lying on the grating.

He had the grating lifted up, when four more letters were found under it, making in all three letters and seven post-cards. The evidence showed that these letters and post-cards were given to the accused on the 18th December at the Omarearry Post Office, and that they had not been delivered to the addressees.

His lordship having summed up the salient points of the case to the jury, the latter returned a unanimous verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred, and the court adjourned till 10 30 a. m. to-day.

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATIONS.

The Indo-European Company report that telegrams for Russia are accepted and deal with without unusual delay. The Turkish route is interrupted beyond Fao. The Anglo-American Company notify that service from Trinidad to Asuncura Venezuela by gunboats is no longer assured. Telegrams for Venezuela may be accepted via Haiti without alteration in address or tariffs in force for Venezuela. These telegrams will be transmitted by boat from Curaçao almost daily. Regarding telegrams addressed to Curacao and containing the instruction "post registered" the charges for Curaçao will apply. In either of these cases registered abbreviated addresses which were in use prior to interruption may be employed. Telegrams for Venezuela cannot be accepted except at senders' risk.

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THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

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HOME.

Court.—The King left London for Sandringham on Saturday.—Prince Arthur of Connaught left London for Tokio on the 11th.

The General Election, so far as it has gone, has inflicted an extraordinary series of reverses on the Unionist party. The first poll was held at Ipswich last Friday, and both the Liberal candidates were returned, thus gaining one seat. On Saturday 35 boroughs were polled, and the Libsrals gained 20 seats. In Manchester and Salford Mr. Balfour and all the other Unionists candidates were rejected. Mr. Churchill carrying one of the divisions. Mr. Balfour addressing his supporters afterwards said that if the new Ministers were sincere in all they had promised, the welfare of the country was seriously imperilled. Liberal and Labour candidates also won the day at Ashton-under-Lyne Boston, Burnley, Halifax, Kidderminster, Plymouth, Rochdale, York, and Bradford. On the other hand, Mr. Wyndham retained his seat at Dover by an increased majority. On Monday more than 70 constituencies were polled, and the Unionists made their first capture, defeating a Liberal whip at Hastings; but again numerous Unionist seats up and down the country were won by Liberals, who also swept all the St. Pancras and Islington Divisions of London. Mr. Gerald Balfour was rejected at Leeds and Mr. Long at Bristol, where Mr. Birrell was elected. Lord Hugh Cecil and Sir A. Roilit, Unionist free-traders, lost their seats in three-cornered contests; but Mr. Arnold-Forster secured Croydon owing to a division between the Liberal and Labour parties. The Prime Minister was returned without a contest by the Stirling Burghs. At Newcastle-on-Tyne a Liberal and a Labour candidate won the two seats. On Tuesday polling took place in 13 Metropolitan constituencies, and in 33 other urban divisions. The Liberal and Labour gains that day were over 20. Mr. Lyttelton, ex-Secretary for the Colonies, was defeated at Warwick. The City of London, however elected the Unionist candidates by enormous majorities.—On Wednesday polling took place in 23 London divisions, 41 provincial boroughs and 23 county constituencies. In many of the latter the counting of the votes was postponed. In the boroughs the Liberal tide continued to run strongly, over 20 seats being gained, against only one loss (Maidstone.) In London the Liberals carried all the Hackney and Southwark divisions and six of the seven Tower Hamlets. Elsewhere, they carried all three seats for Nottingham, but were overwhelmingly defeated in Birmingham, where Mr. Chamberlain (by a larger majority than ever) and his Unionist colleagues carried all seven divisions.—Of the 86 uncontested divisions the Liberals have secured 24, Labour candidates four, Irish Nationalists 48 and Unionists 12.—The Prime Minister at Stirling on Tuesday predicted an era of radical social reforms.—Mr. Chamberlain, speaking last Friday of Wolverhampton, said the election was not being fought, not on a tariff reform, but on an appeal to every section of the Radical party. He was not going to accept the result of the election as final. At Nuneaton on Tuesday, Mr. Chamberlain said that from the first he had said he did not think the policy would be carried at one election. He was prepared to go on to four or five.—Mr. Balfour at a great meeting of Glasgow Unionists on Wednesday said that the Prime Minister was concealing the terms of his agreement with Mr. Redmond, He believed that the people would in time come round to his (Mr Balfour's) views,—Mr. Long has been selected as Unionists candidate for Dublin County (South.)

Ecclesiastical.—Canon Rowland Ellis, rector of St. Paul's, Edinburgh, has been elected Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.—The Islington Clerical Meeting was held on Tuesday in the Mildmay-hall.

Football.—Under Rugby Union rules, Wales beat England at Richmond on Saturday by two goals and two tries to a try.—Under Association rules, the first round was played for the Association Cup.

Law.—The Courts reassembled on the 11th.—The Lord Chancellor at on Friday for the first time in the Court of Appeal.—Isabel Cavendish, professionally known as Miss Isabel Jay, has obtained a decree "nisi" for divorce from her husband, Henry Cavendish.—The re-trial of the libel suit brought by Mrs. Julia Watt against Lady Violet Watt has ended in an award of £2,000 damages to the plaintiff.—In the Central Criminal Court, T. Kerry, charged with misappropriating articles entrusted to him for Tristan da Cunha, has been acquitted.

Major A. S. Gibbons read a paper on Monday at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society on "British East African Plateau Land and its Economic Conditions."

The Royal Commission on the Feeble-Minded has resumed its sittings.

Ruwenzori.—"The Times" published on Saturday, a letter in which Mr. Douglas Freshfield gave an interesting account of his explorations in the Ruwenzori range, East Africa once known as "The Mountains of the Moon."

South Africa.—The Duke of Connaught inspected the batteries at Simon's Town on the 11th. On Saturday, the Duke laid foundation-stone of a new hospital at Maitland, and reviewed 1,800 Volunteers near Cape Town.—The Transvaal Chamber of Mines have issued a memorandum showing the dependence of the gold industry on Chinese labour. They say it is hopeless to expect for years any appreciable consumer increase in the number of Kaffir labourers. Our Johannesburg Correspondent describes an attempt to concoct evidences of the ill-treatment of Chinese coolies on the Rand. Meetings of mine employes have passed resolutions of protest against the stories of cruelty at the mines circulated in England.

THE UNITED STATES.

Foreign Policy.—Some Republicans have taken up the Democratic cry against the President's Moroccan policy, and declare that the Algeciras Conference is one with which America has nothing to do. Mr. Secretary Root has published his instructions to the American delegates.

FOREIGN.

China.—The foreign settlement at Chi-nan-pu was opened last week.

Crete.—The result of a majority of the mayoral elections have been favourable to the Opposition. There have been serious disorders.

France.—The Congress of the Senate and Chamber on Wednesday elected as president of the Republic M. Armand Failieres, President of he Senate, by 449 Votes, against 371 given for M. Doumer.—The Minister of Finance has brought in a Bill authorizing the increase of the note circulation of the Bank of France by £32,000,000.

Germany.—Sir F. Lascelles and the staff of the British Embassy were on Sunday entertained at dinner by the Berlin Lycem Club, and the Ambassador expressed a hearty desire for the development of friendly relations between the two countries. On Monday Sir F. Lascelles spoke, at the banquet of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, on the same subject.—The annual debate on duelling took place in the Reichstag on Monday. A communication on the subject from the Imperial Chancellor provoked loud protests.—The marriage of Prince Philipp of Coburg and Princess Louise, of Belgium has been dissolved.

Morocco.—The International Conference met at Algeciras on Tuesday. The Duke of Almodovar, the representative of Spain, was elected president. It has been agreed that the first question to be discussed shall be the contraband arms trade in Morocco. First impressions of the proceedings of the Conference seem to be generally favourable.—Our Paris Correspondent, however, thinks the utmost that can be hoped for is a temporary modus—Prince Bulow says that neither the Emperor nor anybody else in Germany dreams of exercising pressure on France at the expense of French national dignity. Germany stands for the open door for all nations in Morocco.

Russia.—Sir C. Hardinge left the British Embassy in St. Petersburg on Friday.—French banks have agreed to place £10,000,000 in short term Russian Treasury notes.—The Minister of Finance says the deficit of £43,000,000 is due to the non-inclusion of war expenses in last year's estimates.—A meeting of the Holy Synod is to discuss Church reforms to which the Tsar has assented.—The reservists of the Manchurian Army declare that unless they are sent home by February they will mutiny.—General Lisovsky has been murdered at Pskov.—Martial law has been enforced at Tiflit.—Admiral Rozhdestvensky says he is quite sure his fleet was attacked in the Norwegian Sea by Japanese torpedo-boats.—A St. Petersburg Correspondent says there is one bright spot on the horizon—the persistent resolve of the Tsar to introduce constitutional Government.

Servia has caused trouble with Austria-Hungary.

Spain.—The King's betrothal to Princess Ena of Battenberg is expected shortly.—The marriage of the Infanta Maria Theresa, sister of the King, with Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria was celebrated on Friday.

Sweden.—The Riksdag was opened on Monday at Stockholm by the King, who announced various measures of electoral and social reform, and for remodelling the defensive forces of the country.

Turkey.—The Anglo-French Mersina-Adana line has fallen under German control.

Venezuela.—The dispute between France and Venezuela has reached a crisis. The French Government has handed the Venezuelan Minister his passports, and will not resume diplomatic relations till President Castro recognizes the French Charge d'Affaires.—The French Minister has left Caracas, placing French interests in charge of the American Minister.

Anglo-German Relations.—A letter appears in "The Times" from representatives of literature, science, and art in Germany, declaring that no ill-feeling against England exists in Germany, and calling on British men of science, artists, and thinkers to discountenance the prejudice against German policy. A number of British signatories have accepted without reserve the assurances of their German friends.

Obituary.—Sir M. E. Grant Duff, the Dean of Martzburg, Mr. W. G. Mount, ex-M. P., Mr. Herman Merivale, Dr. Sprenger, the Rev. Haskett Smith, Canon, M. Neligan, Sir, W. Pink, Maj.-Gen. J. B. Hume, Col. A. F. Torry, Mr. A. F. Walrond, Capt. R. F. Thonger, Capt. N. A. Francis, Mrs. Bacon, formerly Miss Poole, Miss Henrietta Muller, and Mr. Marshall Field.—"Times".

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday give the following results :—

Wards	Plague Attacks	Plague Deaths	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	1	8
B Mandvi, Chakla, Comer kheddi and Dongri	5	4	31
D Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	6	3	20
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	0	0	6
E Mazgon, Tarwady, and Nagpada, Mandvi, Tardeo, Byculla and the Nagpada	6	0	22
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	8
G Mahim and Worli	1	0	7
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	3
Hospitals	0	0	3
	18	10	109

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GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

LONDON, JAN. 19.

A FRIENDLY LEAD.

ELECTION addresses are not as a rule exciting reading—in this country at any rate. We have to cross the water for the lively article. Going a little eastward, it is possible to pick up a curious thing or so in France. Here is a fair sample, culled from a former French election: "One of us is an honest man," runs a candidate's address, "but which? X. leads a luxurious life among princes of finance, though he is absolutely without resources, though his newspaper brings him in nothing, and his relations have to support him; while I live modestly in the provinces, where I have won an exceptional position at the Bar, X. confesses that he has not paid his debts, while I have paid the debts of others. His furniture is still unpaid for, yet he has shooting and horses. I deprive myself of these luxuries, but I owe nothing to my tradesman." Electors do not often get a more friendly lead than this.

MORAL PERSUASION.

That is as far East as we need trouble to go the West pays best in a hunt for these curios. Wilmington, Indianapolis is a good halting-place when elections are toward. There is, or was a merry gentleman there who is or was the leader of the self-constituted promoters of civilisation. His people knew them. They made him mayor in defiance of the regulations and there was a local warfare over the business such as would have delighted Artemus Ward had he happened to go that way with his show. This was the election address of this amiable gentleman You are Anglo-Saxons. You are armed and prepared and you will do your duty. Go to the polls early to-morrow, and if you find the negro out-voting you tell him to leave the polls. If he refuses, shoot him down in his tracks. We shall win to-morrow if we have to do it with guns. And the noble Russian did win though as to what happened with the guns the cable was discreetly silent.

THE AWFUL EXAMPLE.

It is grateful to think of the misdoings of others one's own sense of rectitude becomes by comparison intensified. Take, then, the address of an American Congressman, who serves nobly the purpose of the awful example. His claims, he said, were based upon the following record of service to his constituents for whom he had gained: 823 war claims put through, amounting to £24,000; sixty-five pensions bills; 41 commissions in the Army by my influence; 74 new post offices established; 12,000 calls at the pension office; 20,000 packages of seeds sent out; 27,000 pamphlets and books sent out; 167,000 copies of my own speeches sent out; 47,000 letters to my constituents sent out. All these duties were performed at the expense of the State; and this Congressman had transferred from the public exchequer about 1b. 10 per family throughout his constituency.

MIXED METAPHORS.

So many men just now are putting down their feet with a strong arm, as one of them has it, that it is not surprising that some of them should become good authors of bulls. On the whole the crop of these treasures has not been excessive, which is surprising seeing with what Hibernian ingenuity necklesses have designed burlesque questions for the confusion of wearied candidates. Mr. Asquith lately laid claim to chief honours with his cuckoo allegory. When he described that wicked bird as sitting on another's eggs he was, unconsciously no doubt, plagiarising Mr. Lloyd, who some time ago referred to a statesman not of his own party as sitting on a cuckoo's egg, honestly believing it to be his own. The Irishmen always say that we should get the best Irish bulls in England, and Mr. Asquith will perhaps admit that there is some truth in the assertion.

THE SAVING GRACE.

A bull is best clothed in Irish in English as she is written it loses half its dash. English maid-servants put the cart before the horse often enough yet they never found quite so funny as did the Irish colleen whose mistress summoned her to ask who had just knocked at the door. It was a gentleman, ma'am, who was looking for the wrong house, answered this true daughter of Erin. A little while ago a well-known Methodist minister, describing the fate of gamblers, declared that they will sink down and down until they reach the bottom of the bottomless pit. That would have become immortal had an Irishman said it. It was an Englishman in the House who solemnly informed his confreres that the white face of the British soldier is the backbone of the Indian army. An Irishman would have embellished and improved it, as for example in Mr. Flavin's wail over the Irish soldiers, "They first lose their lives in South Africa, and on their return home are starved to death by the War" Office, he said in that tragic why he has.

HOME-GROWN.

The home-grown bull often passes unnoticed. Were an Irishman at the back of the pen which had written it, the confusion of ideas would be expected as a matter of course and seen at once. Our law-makers have perpetrated some fine and large bulls. We had an Act of Parliament which decreed "the new gaol to be built from the materials of the old one, and the prisoners to remain in the latter until the former is ready." Another, apportioning penalties, determined that upon conviction a certain class of criminal should be transported for a period of seven years—"half to go to the King and half to the informer." Yes no King but the country at the instance of that Act. Two other fine ones are home-grown. There is Walpoles man who exclaims: "I hate that woman, for she changed me at nurse," and the other, still more subtle, describing a duel: "The one received a slight wound in the breast, the other fired in the air—and so the matter terminated."

THE GREAT ATTRACTION.

Most of the men who are now seeking election to Parliament would be a thousand a year better off if they were defeated. The mere expenses of the actual election account for three-quarters of a million, so that taking unopposed divisions with three-cornered contests at in fair to average £500 all round. That paid, a man must come to town for three parts of the year, take a house or a flat, while still maintaining his place in the provinces. His business calls him to the country every week and our law-givers do not travel for nothing. There are subscriptions to every class of philanthropy; there are expenses innumerable of which a man never dreams until he has made the plunge. Some of these men are martyrs. One who has sat for twenty years, and is going back again, endures agonies from gout and has a heart which disbars him from insurance with the most lenient of offices. He never speaks in the House; he gains no kudos except that of sending M. P. to his name and writing letters from St. Stephen's.

PATRIOTISM.

That man is worth to the House nothing more than his vote, and he knows it—though he does not advertise the fact in his constituency. But he bravely bears his gout and acute heart-action believing that his uncertain days are well spent so long as he can totter painfully into the division lobby. There is another whose case is sadder. He has worn himself out with the strain of elections and the excitements of Parliament. His physician tells him that he is slowly dying. So is every man that lives" is the answer. This man, however, is going down the hill with the brakes on; he could joyously fix lately accurately the day of his funeral. His family regard his devotion to Parliament as the perversest fatalism. But it is not that; he and the gouty man with the heart are patriots, just as are men who, though suffering the tortures of the damned, continue to serve their country on the bench long after the day when they might retire.

THE OTHER SIDE.

This sort of thing can be carried too far. A man may work in spite of ill-health, but some produce the lower condition by their work. Mr. Hamsbury worked himself to death, dying after the most pathetic confession of the conflict between domestic ties and public. Lord Carlowl laboured until his mind failed. And there came a bitter day when he found himself omitted from the Cabinet—he the great War Minister who had abolished Purchase and given us an Army Reserve for the first time in history. He alone did not know of the darkness which was about to settle over him. A man would rather that as in East Manchester his leaders went out for the true being fighting that this dismal end should be the sequel to brilliant service.

THE UNEXPECTED.

So far the most optimistic followers of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman with the least hopeful of Unionists, have been startled by the election results. This however is not the first contest at which the figures have differed from expectation. The election of 1880 for example was scarcely less startling. For the first few days it looked not only as if the Liberal Party was to be defeated but defeated as completely as they had been eleven years earlier. The doings in London, Liverpool and Manchester gave great significance to the returns. The Metropolis it had been hoped, would plump for Gladstone but the Unionists returned thirty six against six-and-twenty Liberals in Liverpool, the Unionists were successful in all but one seat. They carried Manchester in a like manner. These results were as surprising to the Liberals as their successes of the present time have so far proved.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY, THE 2ND FEB.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased briskly to rapidly at Lahore, Sirsa, Agra, Jhansi, Jacobabad, Hoshangabad, Raipur and Nagpur, and has been steady or has changed slightly elsewhere.

Winds are north-westerly to south-westerly in Gujarat and Kathiawar and at Neemuch, Hoshangabad, Bombay, Poona, Ahmednagar, Bijapur and Madras; while north-easterly to south-easterly breezes or calms prevail elsewhere. The force has been fresh to light.

Temperature.—The maximum is 6° to 8° in excess of normal in Berar and at Ahmednagar, Malegaon, Saugor and Rajkot, and the minimum 8° to 11° at Ahmednagar, Poona, Malegaon, Surat, Akola, Khandwa, Neemuch, Rajkot and Ajmere. The highest temperature in the shade was 95° at Akola and Bellary and the lowest 47° at Sirsa.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast at most places.

Rain.—A few drops fell at Jhansi, Cawnpore and Indore.

Weather on the West Coast is fine with passing clouds.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta, 20th Nov 1905.

The weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury by means of Council Bills:—

1	Amount to be remitted during 1905-06.....	£16,500,000
2	Remitted from 1st April 1905 to 18th Nov. 1905 by Council Bills.....	£14,987,191
	By Gold...	Nil
3	Balance to be remitted from 19th Nov. 1905 to 31st March 1906	£ 1,512,809

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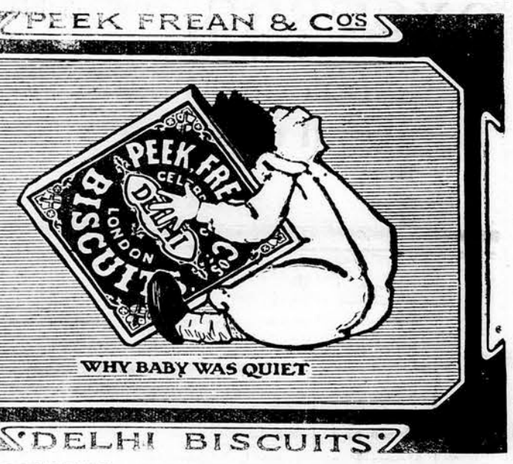

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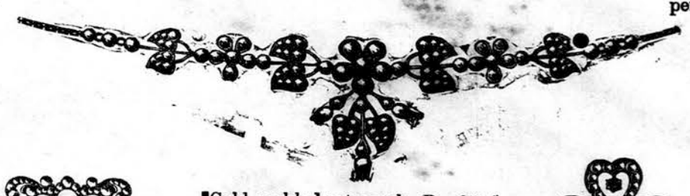

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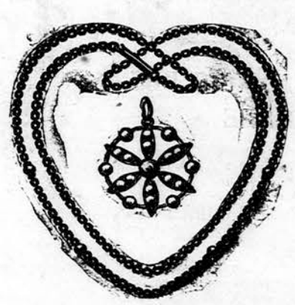

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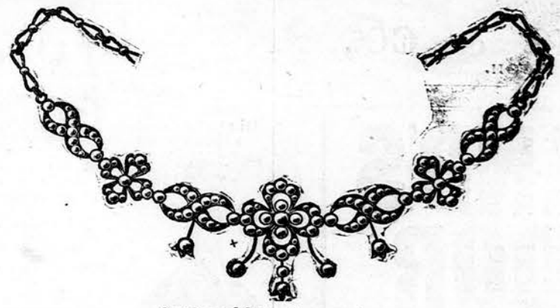

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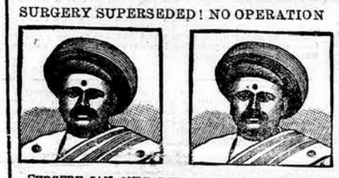

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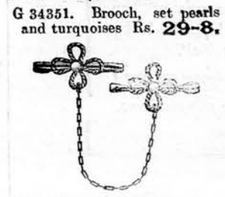

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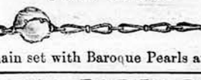

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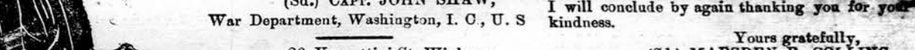

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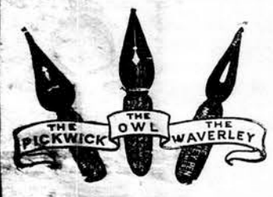

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